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# LIFE IN THE SLOW LANE

## New figures reveal a two-thirds drop in number of drivers caught speeding with Government losing out on £2m in fines

**ACCEPTED AT LAST?: Fines down by two thirds – accidents just seven per cent**

THE number of speeding drivers caught by cameras has dropped by almost two-thirds in just a year, figures revealed exclusively to Kent on Sunday show.

The shock fall in the number of motorists getting ticketed has even baffled road safety experts, but has been put down to a combination of drivers getting used to the cameras and the popularity of sat nav systems.

However, critics say the figures mean nothing if they do not coincide with a reduction in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries.

**EXCLUSIVE**

By **EMILY HALL**

Statistics just out show that last year 22,701 drivers were clocked exceeding the speed limit by Gatso cameras and roadside vans – an astonishing 34,833 fewer than the year before.

"This is a huge drop," said Katherine Barrett, of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership. We think people are just becoming more tolerant of the cameras and they are now much more aware of where they are.

"We put signs up to warn motorists, have a 10 per cent plus 2mph tolerance level, and publish all the locations on the website, so there isn't really an excuse to get caught.

"Hopefully people are accepting that safety cameras are now a permanent feature on the roads and not there as revenue raisers but as safety features."

Since the camera partnership was formed in 2002, 394,189 drivers have been snapped breaking speed limits at 75 fixed cameras around the county.

The fixed penalty notices dished out last year represents £1.3 million of revenue for the Government – but the cash is still a huge drop

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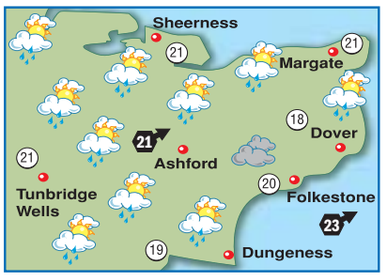
## Kent today




**TODAY:** After a cloudy start with some early light rain, sunny spells will develop during the afternoon. Dry later with spells of late sunshine. Brisk south-westerly winds. Humid. Max temp 19-22C (66-72F).
**TONIGHT:** Dry with largely clear skies and little cloud. Moderate westerly winds. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

## Around Britain

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| Aberdeen | thunder | 21 | 70 | London | fair | 19 | 66 |
| Belfast | drizzle | 21 | 70 | Liverpool | drizzle | 23 | 73 |
| Birmingham | showers | 18 | 64 | Manchester | drizzle | 20 | 68 |
| B'mouth | drizzle | 21 | 70 | Newcastle | fair | 20 | 68 |
| Bristol | drizzle | 18 | 64 | Norwich | drizzle | 22 | 72 |
| Cardiff | cloudy | 19 | 66 | Oxford | drizzle | 21 | 70 |
| Cork | fair | 18 | 64 | Southsea | rain | 21 | 70 |
| Edinburgh | drizzle | 18 | 64 | S'hampton | fair | 19 | 66 |
| Glasgow | showers | 18 | 64 | Southport | drizzle | 23 | 73 |
| Isle of Man | fair | 18 | 64 | Swansea | cloudy | 18 | 64 |
| Leeds | drizzle | 18 | 64 | Torquay | drizzle | 19 | 66 |

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| Dover | 02.36 | 6.0 | 14.54 | 6.3 | 03.07 | 6.0 | 15.25 | 6.2 |
| Margate | 03.42 | 4.3 | 15.36 | 4.4 | 04.15 | 4.3 | 16.11 | 4.4 |
| St Mary's | 08.24 | 4.9 | 20.42 | 5.1 | 08.58 | 4.8 | 21.18 | 5.0 |

## Week ahead

**monday** Sunny spells. max 22C min 14C

**tuesday** Fine and dry. max 23C min 13C

**wednesday** Showers. max 23C min 14C

**thursday** Showers. max 22C min 13C

**friday** Mostly dry. max 21C min 13C

**saturday** Mostly dry. max 22C min 14C


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# Artist is refusing to hang up on the red telephone box

**GOOD RECEPTION:** People queue to see Shane Record's surreal phone box painting

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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WITH traditional British red telephone boxes an increasingly rare sight, an artist is determined to keep one going forever – by turning it into a work of surreal art.

Shane Record fell in love with the phone box near his home in Folkestone that he convinced British Telecom to keep it going for years after they wanted to get rid of it.

With the rise of mobile phones, public kiosks like the one by Folkestone harbour fell into sharp decline.

But finally BT said it really could not keep it going, so Shane talked the town council into taking it on. The phone was removed, and Shane given the chance to do his thing.

The box had already featured in many of his paintings, created at all times of day and night.

### Ambitious

He said: "It was a labour of love for me. I wanted to keep it as a phone box, but it was a war that was finally lost."

One of the phone box paintings went on a tour of Los Angeles and New York to promote all things British, and during the finale, it was broadcast live to screens in the Hard Rock Café in the Big Apple.

But now the box is part of Shane's most ambitious work. He has placed inside a model of a woman staring intently at a single painting.

But to give it a totally surreal edge, the painting is of her – staring at a painting of herself in a phone box staring at a painting.

Shane said: "I am so delighted with the way it has turned out. It can be a little weird when you first look at it, but I could not be happier."

He said the work is a homage to the Belgian surrealist painter, Réné Magritte.

Wording around the top of the phone box reads: "Ceci n'est pas une cabine téléphonique".

This translates to "This is not a phone box" which echoes Magritte's famous inscription on his painting of a simple smoker's pipe on a wooden background that says: "Ceci n'est pas une pipe".

Shane said: "While it clearly is a pipe in his picture, my piece really isn't a phone box anymore, but it looks exactly like one. And I like the way that idea plays out – it makes you think."

And he genuinely laments the vanishing landmarks. He said: "Every year more and more much loved phone boxes are disappearing. This one's fate looked sealed until this most recent initiative – so will it now survive as a work of art?"

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# Whether it's safety or tax raising, we're all slowing up

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on the £3.4m made in 2007. Speeding peaked in 2004, when 82,906 people were caught – making £5m. Every driver has to pay at least a £60 fine and gets three points on their licence.

Terry Hudson, area organiser for the Association of British Drivers in Kent, said of the figures: "These reductions look good on paper, but have the rates of accidents, deaths and injuries gone down too?

"Speed cameras have their uses in some places, but I don't think they should be used to judge good or bad driver. It's about speeding in the wrong places.

"Perhaps the reduction in tickets is due to the downturn in the economy and people using their cars less. I think drivers are also more aware of the fines they will have to pay if they are caught."

Road safety campaigner Caroline Hobbs, whose eight-year-old daughter Jade and mother Margaret Kuwertz, 79, were killed while trying to cross the A249 at Detling, near Maidstone, in 2000, said she cautiously welcomed the news.

"If these new figures show that cameras are reducing accidents then that's great, but if it just means they're reducing the number of people getting tickets then that makes no odds," she said.

"Most people that use the A249 are now used to the camera being there and so slow down and that could be the case at other sites. A lot of people have now got sat navs too, especially if they do a lot of driving, and they warn you if you are coming up to a camera.

"I'd put this down to people knowing where the cameras are and having better technology to warn them, but even then it's a pretty amazing drop."

The camera partnership's own crash figures which show the number of people killed or seriously injured is down 63 per cent since 2002. But it is only seven per cent year on year to 2009, even though two thirds of drivers have slowed.

"Safety cameras are definitely having an impact on reducing casualties," claimed Ms Barrett.

Number of people given tickets over the last six years:

July - Dec 2002 - 26,549
2003 - 69,049
2004 - 82,906
2005 - 65,185
2006 - 70,265
2007 - 57,534

• ***Have we at last accepted the speed camera? See comment Page 28.***

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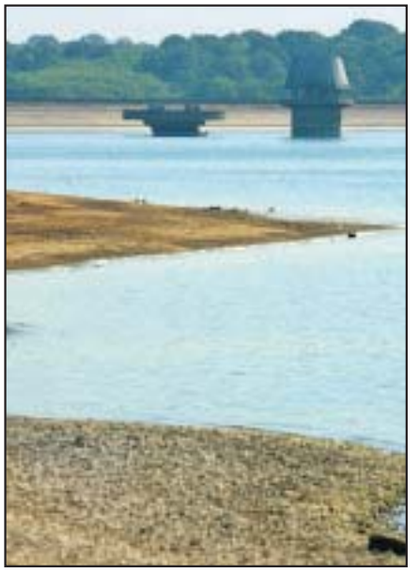
# No water ban this year, but cutbacks still a priority for years to come



DRY: Bewl Water was hit in 2006 when the South East experienced its worst drought for 100 years

EXCLUSIVE

By JENNA PUDELEK

DESPITE the recent heatwave and predicted glorious summer, Kent is unlikely to see a hosepipe ban over coming months.

Environment Agency manager for Kent and East Sussex Andrew Pearce said the county had plenty of water in its reservoirs and groundwater supply because of a wet winter.

But he warned against complacency, saying people in the South East still need to reduce water consumption from 165 litres per person per day, which is environmentally unsustainable, to 130 litres.

"In the South East we have the highest usage of water in the UK," he said.

"If we can reduce that to 130 litres per person per day, as a lot of Europe is already doing, then we can save £1.6 billion in not having to build reservoirs. "This is money that will keep people's bills down and if people use less water then there will be enough for everybody and the environment."

He said the pressure on water supply was set to increase as the population increase.

The South East has a 'three-planet economy' meaning people are using up more resources than the Earth has available, he said.

Mr Pearce said: "In the past it has been okay, because the rest of the world has not used resources at the rate we have in the West.

"But as some of the developing world becomes more prosperous and transfers from their historic lifestyles to more western lifestyles it has become unsustainable."

The South East uses more water than the rest of the country because the region is drier and the warmer climate means that more is used for leisure activities, he said.

In 2006, the South East experienced the worst drought seen in a century and there was a hosepipe ban in place across the county.

The Environment Agency said that dryer, hotter summers and less winter rainfall due to climate change meant more severe droughts were inevitable.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) recent climate change predictions report estimates that in the South East, summer temperatures will increase by 3.9C by 2080.

Rainfall is set to decrease by seven per cent by the 2020s, 13 per cent by the 2040s and 22 per cent by the 2080s.

More hosepipe bans can be expected in the future because of droughts and water shortages, but this summer should pass without restrictions.

### Acceptable

"Certainly the water resources are in a good position" Mr Pearce said. "There is plenty of water in the reservoirs and groundwater.

"In the hot weather people use more water if we have a prolonged dry spell. Water usage will go up and levels will start to reduce more quickly, but what is important is that we get a wet winter again to replenish supply."

He said water consumption had reduced since the last drought and it has become unacceptable to waste water.

"People accept it is scarce resource that needs to be managed well, not wasted," he said. "So things like not running the tap while you are brushing you teeth, which in the past was one of the things that were just accepted.

"But there are people who use sprinklers on their gardens, which is less acceptable now."

He said using sprinklers was an inefficient way to care for gardens because most of the water evaporates.

The Environment Agency is working with water companies in the South East to reduce demand for the resource so expensive new reservoirs that impact on the environment will not have to be built.

'Mr Pearce added: "We need to stop wasting water through leaving taps running, watering gardens when it is not effective and using drinking water to water gardens.

"We need to use more energy-efficient appliances – water efficient washing machines and dishwashers, duel-flush toilets and spray taps."

# Army pays its respects to captain killed in Afghan helicopter crash

Babington-Browne

THE body of a Kent soldier killed in Afghanistan was flown back into Britain in a military transporter which landed at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire on Friday.

Captain Ben Babington-Browne, 27, of 22 Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, in Maidstone, died in a helicopter crash in Zabul Province on Monday.

His coffin arrived back in the UK along with the bodies of four other soldiers.

Hearses carrying the coffins passed through the nearby town of Wootton Bassett after the repatriation ceremony and hundreds of mourners lined the route. The soldier leaves behind his mother Nina and his brother Daniel.

In a statement his mother said: "Ben is a much-loved son, brother and nephew who had a huge personality and will be so missed by his family and friends who are all heartbroken by his untimely death."

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Noble Royal Engineers, Commanding Officer 22 Engineer Regiment, said: "I have rarely met a man who was so widely liked and respected in a regiment.

"On meeting him when I joined 22 Engineer Regiment, Ben immediately impressed me as a man of genuine purpose and penetrating intellect.

"His humility and selflessness were palpable; he carried his rank lightly and the British Army officers' creed of 'Serve to Lead' could have been written for him."

# Benefits of biking

IT has been a tough year for Kent's motorcycle dealers, but they expect a boost this week as July 12-18 is National Motorcycle Week.

This is when enthusiasts combine to promote the social, environmental and economic benefits from motorcycling. The annual event peaks with national Ride to Work Day on Wednesday.

Despite a 15 per cent year on year drop in sales, motorcycle dealers remain upbeat.

"Motorcycling to work not only saves money and time, but the ride home helps you leave the stress of the day behind," said sales manager Barry Keen at EC Bate dealership in Dartford.

# TV's coastal views

THE Bafta award-winning TV show Coast will begin its latest series exploring the story-filled nooks and crannies of Kent's shores.

Ahead of filming the new series Coast presenter Nicholas Crane told Kent on Sunday that towns previously visited by the programme had enjoyed a boost in tourism.

"Whitstable is the very first place we look at in the first programme," he said.

Viewers will see presenter Neil Oliver sampling the Oyster festivities in Whitstable, before heading offshore to the Red Sands sea forts.

• *The series begins on Tuesday on BBC2 at 8pm.*

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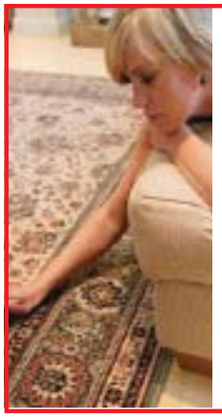

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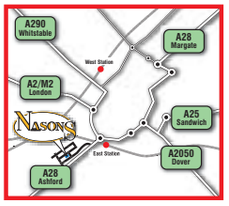


# MP Ann: 'Enforce fox hunting ban ...despite report'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

MP Ann Widdecombe has urged people opposed to fox-hunting to make sure the law is enforced.

Her call follows a new report by a cross-party group of MPs which concluded that hunting with hounds was of positive benefit to wildlife.

It has led to increased calls for an end to the ban which outlawed hunting with dogs in 2004. Tory leader David Cameron has promised a free vote if his party take power from Labour next year.

Fervent anti-hunting campaigner Ms Widdecombe said people opposed to hunting must not sit back and do nothing.

She said: "There is no point in getting bogged down by the fact the law might be repealed. We've got a ban so we should be trying to make it effective. I would say to people to get out there and get the law enforced – that is the way forward."

The All Party Parliamentary Middle Way Group and the Veterinary Association for Wildlife Management condemned the Hunting Act, which came into force in 2004, as "unscientific, unenforceable, socially divisive, and harms, rather than improves, animal welfare".

The group said the ban was "simply a bad law" and called for it to be repealed.

Conservative leader David Cameron has promised, if his party wins the next General Election, to give a free vote on the repeal of the Hunting Act.

Asked if she was concerned pressure was growing for the act to be repealed, Miss Widdecombe said: "Of course I am. But the Tories have been stating forever they will repeal the act so that is hardly something new."

The former Home Office minister, who is retiring at the next general election, has been campaigning for the volunteers who monitor fox-hunting 'packs' to be licensed to protect them and encourage more people to help enforce the ban.

Hunting meets claim they use scent trails laid for the hounds to chase rather than foxes, but animal rights groups say the law is constantly flouted and animals are being killed illegally.

Nick Onslow, hunt campaigner for the East Kent Hunt, said: "I think it is a document that pull together the arguments and the evidence that the hunting community has been presenting for some years.

"It rightly identifies the Hunting Act does not work and does not improve the welfare of foxes. It does not seek to do anything other than be a vehicle for prejudices."

He said the report agreed with a study at the University of Kent, which found that biodiversity was improved in areas that were managed for hunting and shooting.

"Hunting is about management, not pest control in terms of eradicating the fox population; it is about managing it to a level that is tolerable… I can certainly speak on behalf of the East Kent Hunt to say we would support absolutely the findings of the report," he added.

Co-chairmen of the Middle Way Group include the Labour peeress Baroness Golding, Conservative MP Peter Luff, and Liberal Democrat MP Lembit Öpik.

Both Mr Luff and Mr Öpik voted strongly against the hunting ban and Baroness Golding voted moderately against the law.

Miss Widdecombe added: "I do not consider that the all-party group reflects all sides of the argument."

The report by the group of MPs responded to charges that the 'sport' is cruel by stating that hunting with hounds was "demonstrably the natural and most humane method of [pest] control".

"The motives and morality of those that go hunting is no business of others in a democratic society, and certainly not a matter for Parliament," the report says.

**CONTROVERSIAL:** Pressure is growing to repeal the hunting ban brought in by Labour

# County show is ready to beat traffic hold-ups

ORGANISERS of the Kent County Show have devised a plan to avoid a repeat of the traffic chaos that tarnished last year's event.

The Kent Agricultural Society admitted it made a mistake when thousands of motorists complained about having to queue in traffic for hours when leaving the showground.

This year Kent Police and the Highways Agency have devised a new plan to minimise traffic problems during around the Detling Showground next weekend.

Society chairman, George Jessel, said: "Because of the problems we faced last year we have certainly got out fingers on the pulse."

The Kent County Show runs from July 17-19.

Tickets can be bought online at www.kentshowground.co.uk or by calling the ticket hotline on 01622 633060.

# £1m restoration package to save rusting steam tug

A POWERFUL and rusting relic of British maritime history is set for more than £1 million of restoration work.

The long-neglected steam tug Cervia – which has been docked at Ramsgate harbour for more than 30 years – should be in seafaring condition within two years – according to experts.

The trustees of the Preston-based Steam Museum say restoration work starts this week and should take two years to finish.

The trust has also taken over the town's museum on a three year rent-free deal.

# Charity needs funding to help save recession-hit water voles

WATER voles left without anyone to pay for their upkeep could become the unlikeliest victims of the recession, ***writes Steve Knight***.

A building firm that moved the creatures from their Dartford home has now gone bust, leaving the charity being paid to look after them – Wildwood Trust – facing a shortfall of up to £14,000.

If the money cannot be raised by the end of this month then the water voles will miss their breeding window, adding to the problems faced by Britain's most-endangered mammal.

Based near Canterbury, Wildwood animal park is home to a large number of creatures native to Britain including otters, badgers and wild boar.

Chief executive Peter Smith told Kent on Sunday the funding crisis could mean disaster for the more than 40 water voles.

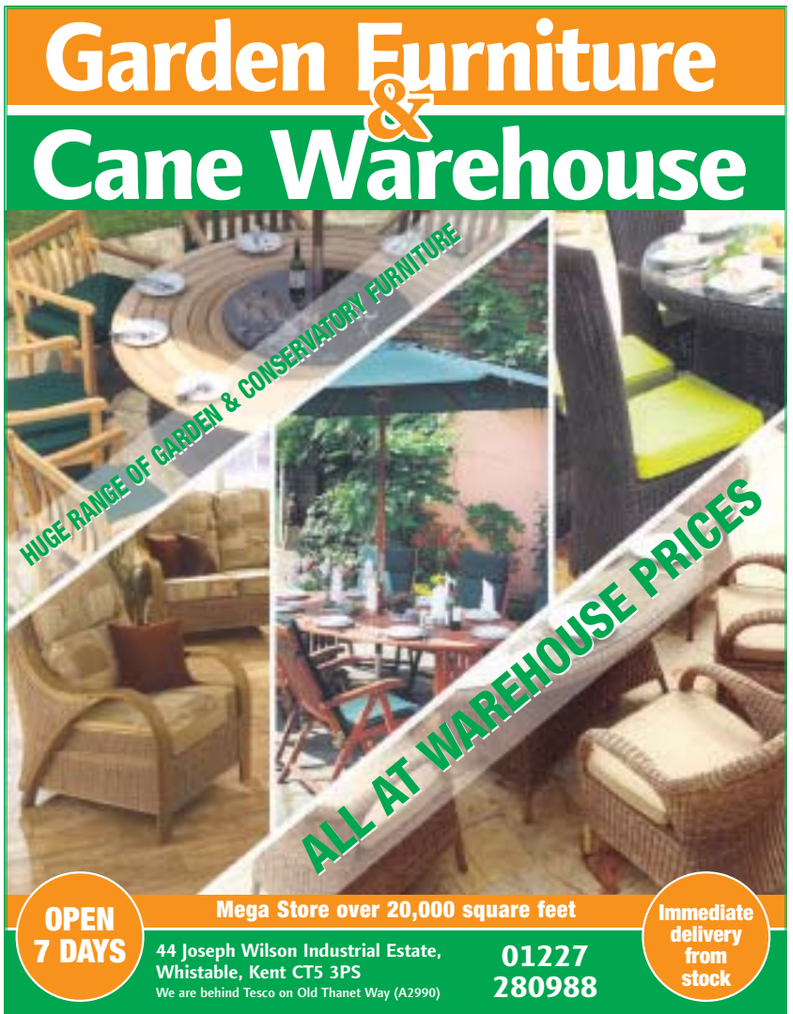
He said: "We could breed them at the park, but it costs money, simple as that. We are a charity and we already have lots of other conservation projects going on that also need to be paid for. The recession has affected us all."

The water voles were moved from their home in Dartford to protect them while a new housing development is being built there.

As part of the project to release them back into the wild, Wildwood needs to pay £25 per vole on mandatory lab tests before they can do so.

They also need to spend £100 on a special release cage to stop the creatures being killed by foxes and mink, as well as £5 per week on feeding a family and £10 per vole for special radio microchips that will allow the charity to monitor how successful the release is next year.

Visit www.wildwood.workwithus.org/donate to aid Wildwood's water vole appeal.



STUNNING: The White Cliffs are one of the locations listed in Britain's top 100 places

# Photos inspire us to make time to stand and stare

A FUN travel website showing some of the best places in the world to stand has been launched, and several of locations are in Kent.

It has listed 100 of Britain's "most wondrous, inspiring, or thought-provoking locations", and now they are being voted on to become the Greatest Place To Stand In The UK 2009.

Visitors to stoodthere.com can use an online vote button on the site to move sites up and down the rankings. Or even add another place that is nothing short of sensational to stand in, along with their photographic proof.

The voting ends on December 1 and so far four locations in Kent are in the top 100.

They are Leeds Castle near Maidstone, at 28, which dates back to 1119, when it was built under the orders of Henry I. Sissinghurst Castle in the Weald, which is owned and maintained by the National Trust, is currently 37.

Presently at 82 is Canterbury Cathedral, and at 87 visitors meet again at the world famous White Cliffs of Dover.

Sadly, nowhere in Kent currently features in the world 100 best places to stand, but that could also change with some votes.

Founder James Black, 46, a former journalist who now splits his time between homes in the UK and Germany, said: "We set this up as a bit of fun a couple of months ago and can't believe how it has done.

"It has taken off in the USA more than in the UK, which is amazing. It has gone mad, we are getting 100,000 page views and 15,000 people registering a month, it's incredibly popular.

"I am sure the places in Kent will get more votes the more people know about this site."

Currently the best place to stand in the UK is St Paul's, London; the best place in Europe is the Jungfraujoch mountain railway in Switzerland, and in the USA it's the Hoover Dam on the border of Arizona and Nevada.

# Ramsgate rocked

## Great weather ensures record crowds

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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TENS of thousands of music fans turned out for the sensational Ramsgate Rocks last weekend.

With backing from KOS Media, publisher of Kent on Sunday, the stage performances set the audiences alight right through Saturday and Sunday.

The crowds watched sets from Stephanie Benson, a Diana Ross tribute band, plus The Interseptors, Broken Biscuit, Hot Rats, Los Conscious, Surf Dude Grandad, and XYZ.

Hot sun ensured the crowds turned out at the Royal Harbour and a few minor drizzles ensured they didn't overheat with all the fun, which lasted until the early hours.

As well as the many bands on stage, the crowd also enjoyed a fireworks display on Saturday evening, plus a funfair, street entertainment, face painters, a food and drink village, plus trade and craft stalls.

The event was put on by the Ramsgate Town Partnership, which now faces closure after 20 years though lack of funds.

Chairman Patrick Doyle, also a Tory town councillor, said: "I used to run two hotels in the town and am now retired.

"I also founded this Partnership all those years ago, and I have to say this was the best show we have ever put on.

"We liked to think we were going to get around 25,000 people here, but as it turns out with the help from the weather, we were well in excess of that.

"It was a double-edged success really. The show was sensational and we could not be happier. But now we also face financial disaster. It's hard to get people to put their hands in their pockets.

"All of us on the Partnership are volunteers, but we really need to employ someone full time as it is a big job."

Kate Lipington was the event consultant and is relocating back to Minster, Ramsgate, with her company Urban Errands.

She said: "It was all a little bit last minute so it was all hands on deck, but it turned out all right in the end.

"The place was heaving – I think this is busiest event ever in the area, so I am delighted with how well it turned out.

"The bands were great and all the surrounding streets did okay, too. I could not be more pleased."

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# Call for clampdown on school placement system

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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THE problem of parents cheating to get school places is more widespread than local authorities will admit, according to an expert independent education advisor.

Peter Read, a former headteacher who runs Kent Independent Education Advice, said parents would go to "any lengths", such as putting a relative's address on application forms, to avoid certain schools.

He said schools were not enforcing existing sanctions to deter to parents from cheating the admissions system.

Schools Secretary Ed Balls has asked the chief schools adjudicator, Dr Ian Craig, the former acting director of children's services at Kent County Council, to look into the issue as part of his annual report, which is due in November.

It comes after Harrow Council in London tried to use the Fraud Act 2006 to prosecute a parent who, it alleged, had lied about her address to get her son into a popular state primary school.

But after seeking legal advice, the council was told fraud legislation did not apply to such cases and the action was dropped last Friday.

Mr Read said: "I think the scale of the problem is significantly greater than is being identified. I think we are seeing the only tip of the iceberg.

"I think it is because the efforts taken to check on parental addresses are insufficient and parents are getting away with it.

"Until sanctions are properly enforced it will continue."

He said as well as giving a false address, such as that of a grandparent, desperate parents also used addresses of second homes they had bought and let out.

He said a big problem was parents taking out short leases on properties in the catchment areas of popular schools.

"All these devices are used and I've heard allegations of all these things," he said.

### Desperate

"Certainly there have been cases that I been involved in and I am not satisfied the schools have followed them up properly."

Mr Read said it was understandable that parents are desperate to get their children into a good school.

Both Kent and Medway have a selective education system with 33 grammar schools.

Kent also had the highest number of schools in the country on the Government's National Challenge list of underperforming comprehensives, where less than 30 per cent of pupils are achieving five good GCSEs including English and maths.

"Parents will go to any length to avoid certain schools," Mr Read said. "But parents playing the game properly are deprived of a place and that has to be wrong."

He said the existing powers councils have – that a child will lose their place up to a term into starting at the school – should be enough to deter parents.

"If pupils lose their place at that school may find it difficult to find another school.

"But I do not believe that is being carried out or published to the extent that it is actually seen to put parents off doing it.

"It is from my current experience as an education advisor that I have been contacted by a number of parents who are concerned about other parents who they believe are cheating the system," he said.

A spokeswoman for Medway council said: "The admissions team carries out initial checks on families' addresses. If there is a query regarding an application the council will carry out an investigation.

"This involves writing to the family in question and requesting proof of address. Council tax and electoral register details may be used in some circumstances."

Scott Bagshaw, the council's head of admissions and transport, said: "The school admissions code is clear, local authorities can withdraw an offer of a school place if it has been obtained on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

"Current legislation allows for places that have been obtained fraudulently to be withdrawn even if a child has started at school.

"We can do this right up until the end of the first term."

## Death suspicious

A MAN has been questioned by police after a pensioner was found dead at his flat in Ramsgate flat.

Police were called to an address in Conyngham Close, on the Newington estate, at about 1pm on Wednesday.

Neighbours had found the 64-year-old man in his flat. An ambulance was called, but the man was dead.

The death is being treated as suspicious and a post-mortem examination is to be carried out.

A 31-year-old man from Ramsgate was arrested at his home, shortly after the gruesome find.

## Cathedral climb

CANTERBURY Cathedral's director of works, William Roe, 49, is reaching new heights in the efforts to raise money for the repair of his ancient workplace.

From Tuesday he and nine sixth-form students from St Edmund's School will spend 10 days attempting to reach the summit of three of the highest peaks Morocco's High Atlas Mountains.

You can sponsor Mr Roe on his climb at www.justgiving.com/williamroe.

## Tesco cash raid

A SECURITY guard was threatened as he tried to deliver cash to a Tesco Express store.

The guard had just opened the door of his van outside the store in Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, when two balaclava-clad men threatened him at 6.45am on Friday.

The pair – who were both dressed in dark clothes – stole cash before driving off in a white Ford Transit van.

It is not yet known whether the duo were armed, although no-one was injured.

Anyone with information should call Kent Police on 01622 690690 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Castle tribute: 'Sandy would have been proud'

By STEVE KINIGHT

HISTORIC Dover Castle was the setting for a special tribute to the former leader of Kent County Council.

A plaque dedicated to Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who died last year after a lengthy battle with cancer, was unveiled before his widow Tess and son Mark at the English Heritage-owned site on Wednesday.

The respected politician was chairman of the conservational body at the time of his death and was instrumental in reversing its cash decline for the first time in a decade.

His plaque has taken pride of place inside Dover Castle's new visitor admissions centre, which was opened at the ceremony.

Lady Bruce-Lockhart said: "It was an absolutely wonderful gesture inside a beautiful building with a lovely view and Sandy would have been very touched and proud.

"He was a great supporter of the castle and other sites like it because they are part of our history and heritage and are so important.

"He actually came and stayed here for a while when he was a child and I think he loved it from that moment on."

Dover Castle attracts more than 300,000 visitors per year, with a series of improvements expected to swell that figure by a further 60,000 over the next two to three years.

Complete with views overlooking the Channel, the new glass and oak timber-clad visitor centre is almost twice the size of the previous temporary one and has been designed with a flat green roof to help it blend in with the landscape.

English Heritage chief executive Simon Thurley said the unveiling of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's memorial plaque was a way of celebrating a "great man of Kent".

He said: "Sandy commanded great respect and it's notable that one of the big things he did in a short space of time as our chairman was sort out the funding for Dover Castle."

Lord Bruce-Lockhart, who was 66 at the time of his death, was elected leader of KCC in 1997, and held the post until deciding to step down eight years later.

UNVEILING: Lady Bruce-Lockhart reveals the plaque at Dover Castle with Simon Thurley

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# How Kent's own head injury unit would save lives

By JENNA PUDELEK
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MORE lives could be saved if patients suffering from major head traumas had access to a specialist head injury centre in Kent.

Keith Hutchinson, manager of Hothfield Manor in Ashford, which provides specialist rehabilitation for adults with brain injuries, said every second counted when dealing with major head trauma.

He spoke after Dr Steve Pollack, a consultant neurologist at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, told Kent on Sunday: "There are big problems in acute care management of major trauma and head injury.

"It is not properly structured across the South East. Most patients have to go to trauma centres in London, which may not necessarily be in their best interests.

"There is no head injury unit and no neural surgery in Kent at all."

Dr Pollack has been chosen by NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, as an expert in acute care to find the best ways of providing treatment for people in the future.

He spoke of the need to look at providing specialist treatment for people who had suffered head injuries.

"People are sent to King's [College Hospital in Denmark Hill] or to St George's [in Tooting] and that has worked in the past, but the management of head injuries is becoming more sophisticated and more multidisciplinary and we need to look at whether it is the best way.

"I know there is a problem because the south east coast is a long thin area with 4.2 million people dominated by London to the north.

## Expanding

"Traditionally it may be the right way to do things, but clearly some people are being badly disadvantaged by this and we need to address inequality.

"If you have a head injury in Thanet, that is 80 miles to the nearest unit and that is a very tough call for people visiting and rehabilitation."

Mr Hutchinson said a closer specialist centre for brain injuries would benefit patients.

"Undoubtedly it would save lives in the first place," he said. "But it would also reduce the severity of their injury and enhance their chance of rehabilitation if they were treated quicker."

He said the 24-bed Hothfield Manor, which has recently had a £5 million revamp and now has state-of-the-art facilities for providing rehabilitation and care for people with brain injuries, was soon to gain another 19 beds The centre is owned by a private company but mostly cares for NHS patients.

"When we opened in 1997, a number of people who had head injuries in Kent were being looked after in units miles away from their homes.

"That is why we are expanding – so that people can be treated closer to home because being around family is so important in the recovery process."

He said: "The problem is that we do not have the necessary specialists as it is at the moment [for a specialist head injury centre].

"People with major head injuries are getting access to high-quality care and treatment and one of the areas we need to look at is the amount of time it takes to access these services."

# Driver killed in crash

A YOUNG woman has died after the car she was travelling in crashed with a jeep.

The woman, believed to be from Tonbridge, was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident in Longfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, at 1.20pm on Thursday.

Two cars, a Ford Ka and a Jeep Cherokee, were involved in the crash. The male drivers of the vehicles were taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital, but police said their injuries were not thought to be serious.

Officers have appealed for witnesses to come forward. If you have any information, phone the serious collision investigation unit on 01622 798 538.

# Centre of excellence

BLUEWATER shopping centre has won gold and silver awards at the International Council of Shopping Centers Solal Marketing Awards in recognition of its Christmas 2008 public relations and advertising campaigns.

Bluewater beat more than 100 entrants from across Europe to claim the awards, which were presented at a ceremony in Vienna on June 18.

The awards were won for their Christmas PR and advertising campaigns

Together, the two campaigns helped Bluewater to attract more than six million people during November and December, against a target of 4.8 million.

# Get greener ideas at the EcoVillage

INNOVATIVE ideas for a greener lifestyle will be shared with thousands of EcoVillage visitors at this year's Kent County Show.

Now in its second year, the EcoVillage – supported by KOS Media – will showcase more than 80 exhibitors over a space of more than 5,000 square metres at Kent Showground, Detling, next weekend.

### Energy-efficient

Visitors can expect to find ideas for greener living from a wide range of industries including energy, gardening and transport, with car manufacturer Seat showing off its Ecomotive range and Greased Lightning Cycles demonstrating the latest in electric bikes.

Homeowners can also receive tips on how to make their houses more energy-efficient, while representatives from a number of eco-friendly firms will be on hand to discuss how to power your property using renewable energy.

Children will not be left out at the EcoVillage as the green toy-makers Paperpod and Playmais have booked spaces at the event, while Move 'n' Smooth will give them the chance to create their own tasty smoothies.

Eating will not be a problem either as Well Hung Meats and Goji Wah Wah will be providing organic food and gourmet vegetarian food respectively, all day at the green picnic area.

This year's EcoVillage is sponsored by recycling specialists Countrystyle Group and Protect Kent – the Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

John Suffolk of Countrystyle said: "We are pleased to be sponsoring the EcoVillage at this year's Kent Show.

"The EcoVillage is a great initiative for green business in the South East and totally in keeping with our business philosophy.

"We hope that by supporting the event this year that we can help to highlight the importance of protecting the environment."

SHOW TIME: The EcoVillage will be a great showcase of how to live a greener lifestyle

As well as having a presence at the Kent Show, the EcoVillage can also be visited at KOS Media's Construction Expo event on September 30.

Visit www.theecovillage.co.uk for more information.

# Specials tickets at £130

## Fans clamour to see legends

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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IT HAS been 28 years since 2 Tone legends The Specials split up – but tickets to see the band at a small seaside venue are changing hands for nearly £130.

The Specials burst onto the music scene in 1979 and split up just two years later, but now three decades on they have sold out a gig in Margate months in advance.

The multiracial Coventry band were the driving force behind the ska revival and sang about race attacks, teen pregnancy and urban decau.

Their most famous single was Free Nelson Mandela. The song became an anthem for the anti-apartheid movement and a rallying call to release the freedom fighter who was then still in a South African jail.

They had seven consecutive top 10 singles between 1979 and 1981 before the band split up.

But with the current thirst for golden oldies, The Specials got back together to tour again, and performed a triumphant set at last month's Glastonbury festival.

Such is the band's following, the show at the Winter Gardens in Margate on November 7 sold out almost immediately.

The £32.50 tickets are now being sold on the internet for up to £129.

All the original members of the band have joined the reunion, apart from their founder and keyboard player Jerry Dammers.

Winter Gardens spokesman Barry Steel said: "I wish we had them booked for a few nights, but this is a warm-up tour so I am glad we secured them for at least one night.

"They sold out amazingly quickly – just two days which for a band from the 70s is amazing.

"Our music shows usually do pretty well, but to get an iconic band like The Specials here really is a special treat for their fans in the coastal area.

"I would certainly love to book them again some time in the future."

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REUNION: Tickets for The Specials Margate gig have sold out months in advance

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Guest speaker at the event at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich was former England fast bowler and now KOS Media development director Dean Headley.

Boys & Maughan partner Peter Rodd, said: "Pilgrims Hospices have to raise around £8 million each year, in order to keep delivering care to those that need it the most. We are delighted to do our bit in supporting such an excellent cause."

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# Minister backs agency as quangos under fire

## Seeda role questioned at Commons hearing

By STEVE KNIGHT
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SOUTH East minister Jonathan Shaw has spoken out in defence of one of the country's most powerful unelected groups.

In a week where Conservative leader David Cameron said he would drastically cut the number of quangos if his party won the next general election, Mr Shaw was busy explaining to fellow MPs why the Government-funded South East England Development Agency (Seeda) deserved to survive.

Speaking at a public hearing organised by the South East Committee, the Chatham and Aylesford representative said the region would continue to benefit from future investment as long as the current system was in place.

The meeting was held just days before Business Secretary Peter Mandelson announced that Seeda's deputy chairman Rob Douglas will replace chairman Jim Braithwaite later this year.

Mr Shaw said: "I feel the current arrangement between Seeda and the Government Office for the South East (GOSE) does work. If you create the right forums for decision-making and if the public can see the cause and effect take place, they can have confidence we have the right infrastructure in place.

"The arrangement has so far proved very worthwhile. There's a far broader understanding now that people need to work together to get the best results.

"But I think that where Seeda has been able to concentrate its efforts has also been down to some of its partners, because it can't do everything on its own."

Set up in 1999, Seeda is responsible for the economic and social development of a region that is home to more than eight million people.

### Shortfall

Monday's hearing at the House of Commons was chaired by South Thanet Labour MP Stephen Ladyman, with Dover and Deal Labour representative Gwyn Prosser also attending.

Answering a question from Brighton MP David Lepper (Lab), Mr Shaw said it was a myth the South East was prosperous and did not need as much investment as other regions.

He said: "I think we've moved on. If you look at the spend on areas like hospitals and schools over the past 10 or so years then I think we've done well.

"There's obviously the difficult issue of the shortfall in college spending at the moment, but let's not forget we've already spent £443 million so far and 12 or 13 years ago the total spending for them was nothing. That in itself demonstrates investment.

"Then we have the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, which is going to provide enormous opportunities for the chairman's constituency in Thanet and Mr Prosser's, not to mention my own.

"But it's still important people see the differences in the region. We have in west Oxford the highest number of PhD students in the country, but in east Kent we have the highest number of households where nobody is employed in the country."

Earlier this year Seeda announced a £50m reduction of a planned £330m spending programme over the next two years would result in about 90 job losses and possible postponement of development projects in the region.

However, chief executive Pam Alexander – who was also at the hearing – said the organisation still had aspirations to be one of the best in the world and was constantly competing against other similar agencies in cities as far away as California and Shanghai.

Rob Douglas will take up the post of Seeda's chairman on November 2 but will be working alongside the outgoing Mr Braithwaite from September 1 to ensure a smooth transition.

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# French look for rays of sunshine for solar-powered Channel flight

THIS unusual looking aircraft is set to be the first solar-powered airship to cross the English Channel from France to Kent.

And it will get all its power directly and exclusively from the sun. Rays will be captured by a spine of flexible solar panels running down the middle of the balloon.

It has been called Nephelios by the French engineering students putting the ambitious project together.

Test flights are due to start soon, and it's hoped the aircraft will make the hour-long, 21-mile trip across the Channel by the end of the summer – with a man on board.

Nephelios has a lightweight aluminium frame with an outer wrap of nylon and polyethylene. The solar panels are capable of generating 2.4 kW of power for the small motor and provide enough energy to propel the 18ft diameter blimp at 25mph.

The flying machine was put on display at the French Air Show in Le Bourget last month.

# Commercial fishing lakes hit as stocks die in blistering heatwave

AS PEOPLE enjoyed the soaring temperatures of the heatwave, hundreds of fish in the county's lakes and rivers were suffering.

Andrew Pearce, Kent and Sussex area manager of the Environment Agency, said last week's hot spell saw the stock in some commercial fishing lakes almost completely wiped out.

"Fish getting in distress has increased due to reduced flows in rivers and also the temperature rising, reducing the oxygen in the water," he said.

"We have seen a number of fish kills in rivers and commercial fishing lakes [during the heatwave]."

He said some were due to overstocking lakes so that anglers can catch more fish.

The Environment Agency tries to rescue as many fish as possible by moving them to different lakes and using equipment to inject more oxygen into the water to stop them suffocating, he said.

But any periods where temperatures soar over 25C, fish such as carp and bream in the county's lakes and reservoirs, which are popular with anglers, start to suffer.

He said fish population was just one of the environmental impacts of effects of climate change such as higher temperature and lower rainfall during the summer months.

Mr Pearce added: "We had more than 150 die in one lake. The lakes can be stocked with hundreds of fish.

"The higher chance of catching fish is good for business but when the temperature rises then these fish have additional stress and there is not enough space for them."

# Student to stand tall as part of Trafalgar's living 'art'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

LUCKY applicants from Kent will be among 2,400 taking part in a unique exhibition on top of Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth.

As part of Angel of the North sculptor Antony Gormley's One and Other project, members of the public will for 100 consecutive days have an hour each to do whatever they please as they tower 22ft above crowds of onlookers.

The exhibition, which will run until the middle of October, started with a bang on Monday when anti-smoking protestor Stuart Holmes scaled the plinth just minutes before the first official participant. He came down peacefully and the event has run smoothly ever since.

Tonbridge resident Karl Niklas, 24, will take his place atop the plinth on August 10. The former Judd School pupil, who will study classical acting at ArtsEd London later this year, said he had not yet decided what he would do.

He added: "My reasons for choosing to apply for this project are a combination of the excitement of being literally involved in the artwork as well as being interested in seeing how the body works as a piece of art or theatre.

"What separates this from standard installation artworks is that the piece is forever changing with each new person, and I find this very exciting. Plus, I've always wondered what it would be like to be a piece of artwork."

## Extraordinary

The fourth plinth of Trafalgar Square was built in 1841, and was originally supposed to seat a statue of William IV on a horse, but it remained empty due at first to insufficient funds and then disagreements over which monarch or military hero should be placed there.

In 1999, the Royal Society of Arts came up with the Fourth Plinth Project which filled the structure with a succession of works commissioned from three contemporary artists.

The first of these – Ecce Homo – was designed by Mark Wallinger, who also came up with the giant sculpture of a white horse that will eventually overlook the new Ebbsfleet Valley development.

In announcing his One and Other project, Mr Gormley said the elevation of everyday life to a position formerly occupied by monumental art "allows us to reflect on the diversity, vulnerability and particularity of the individual in contemporary society".

He added: "It's about people coming together to do something extraordinary and unpredictable. It could be tragic, but it could also be funny."

Folkestone resident Martha Busche, 44, will be visiting Trafalgar Square on Thursday, July 16, to cheer on her architect brother Tim.

**HIGH RISE: Tim Busch (top) and Karl Niklas will both be taking part in the unique living art exhibition at London's Trafalgar Square**

Mrs Busch has learning difficulties and her brother, who lives in London, hopes his time on top of the plinth will help raise money for the Home Farm Trust (Hft) charity that supports her.

The 56-year-old said: "Hft's vision is for people with learning disabilities to live the lives they want and choose. The charity is committed to finding ways to encourage people to lead independent and fulfilling lives and supporting them to achieve this."

Mr Busche will complete a 360-degree drawing of Trafalgar Square from inside a plastic drum that he will later auction on eBay for Hft.

# Parents' joy as tot takes her place at Transplant Games

FIGHTER: Nadine Guest

AT JUST three years old little Nadine Guest will be the youngest competitor at this year's Transplant Games after she survived being given a new kidney, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

She will be competing in the ball throw, obstacle race, and the 25m run at the games in Coventry from July 30-August 2.

Nadine's proud adoptive dad Bob, 56, from Deal, said: "We have had a rollercoaster time with her. At one point we were told she could die, and she is still not out of the woods yet either."

His wife Adele, 54, said: "We love her dearly and will keep encouraging her. She still needs go back to hospital every two weeks."

Bob spoke of Nadine's traumatic life after she was born to a mother who was deemed to be unsuitable and with an unknown father.

He said: "We foster children and were offered the chance to look after Nadine. We were told she was incredibly poorly, but we agreed.

"We have been told the average time a (donor) kidney lasts in children is around seven years, so we are aiming at that for now. Then she will have to go back on dialysis and wait for another kidney.

"Nadine was so ill the adoption service were having trouble placing her, but we agreed and she was with us very quickly.

"There was talk about her not going to survive. It was all very emotional, but we took her on at five months old."

Nadine was born in the William Harvey hospital in Ashford and was rushed to St Thomas' in London within three days. She was diagnosed with congenital nephrotic syndrome, a problem where the kidneys produce too much protein.

The baby had her first kidney removed in October, 2005, after it failed when she was just eight weeks old.

Bob said: "We had to go back and forth to the renal unit on a weekly basis until January, 2007, when she deteriorated quite rapidly.

"In fact during the year, she was in hospital for 40 weeks, she was that poorly. Adele stayed with her, but because we fostered other children, I stayed at home and went up at weekends when they didn't come back to Deal on weekend leave.

"She had her second kidney removed in October, 2007, and that's when we were going back and forth to London up to four times a week for dialysis. There is nowhere local we could have gone. We adopted her on August 24, 2007.

"It wasn't until she got her transplant in July, 2008, that she started making some sort of recovery."

He added: "She is looking forward to take part in the games, and so are we. It's very exciting, especially as she will be the youngest taking part."

There is a fundraising event at the Coach and Horses pub in Deal on July 19 from noon.

There will be a barbecue, bouncy castle, an entertainer, music and face painting, all to raise money for Guys and St Thomas Charity which channels money to the Evelina Children's Hospital which cares for youngsters like Nadine.

Carol Olley, the children's representative for Transplant Sport said: "The 25m dash for our under-fives is one of our blue ribbon events.

"She will have an amazing time, but for her mum and dad this one little race will bring so much emotion considering what they have been through.

"Having a sick child and then see them take part in something like this is extremely moving."

## Life-saving donors needed

PEOPLE have been urged to join the NHS organ donor register to help the hundreds of patients in need of a life-saving transplant across Kent.

East Kent currently has the highest number of people on the register in the county at 28.9 per cent, in west Kent 27.2 per cent of people are registered and in Medway the figure dips to 23.7 per cent.

According to NHS Blood and Transplant, which has published a map showing the percentage of the population who have signed up to the register, the county is falling behind Scotland and the South West where 32 per cent of people have joined up.

Sally Johnson, director of organ donation and transplantation for the NHS, said: "While 90 per cent of people say they support organ donation, just 26 per cent have joined the organ donation register. To meet the growing need for organs across the UK we really need more people to sign up as organ donors."

In the last four years, 59 patients have died while waiting for an organ transplant in Kent.

Presently 223 patients are waiting for a transplant operation and so far this year 61 have had the surgery. Most transplant organs are donated from people who have died, but increasingly operations involve living donors such as family and friends of the patient.

For more information go to www.uktransplant.org.uk. To sign up to the NHS organ donor register call the helpline on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk.


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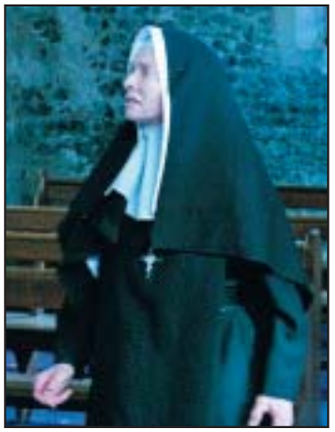
# Screen legend answers calling of film festival



**RENOWNED: York with Christopher Plummer in classic film The Battle of Britain and in her new role as the Mother Superior in The Calling which was part-funded by KCC**

ACTRESS Susannah York came to Kent yesterday to see her latest movie for the first time.

In an exclusive interview with Kent on Sunday, the screen legend said she felt honoured to have been asked to attend the Swale Film Festival.

York stars in The Calling, which was made with £75,000 of Kent County Council money, and has proved such a hit County Hall has agreed to pour more money into making movies in the county.

The Calling generated £500,000 of spending in the county even before it was screened.

The touching film about a youngster becoming a nun, starred York alongside Ramsgate-born Brenda Blethyn, plus Amanda Donohoe and Rita Tushingham.

Yesterday's showing of the movie was its the first public screening since last month's Edinburgh Film Festival where it was nominated for the prestigious Michael Powell Award for the Best British New Feature.

The Swale Film Festival, which started on Thursday and ends today, was set to be one of the big summer cultural events in the county.

### Determination

York said: "I think (writer and director) Jan Dunn's enthusiasm drew me to this film. It's always very nice to be wanted, and I am always eager to see what's cooking.

"She outlined the story to me and when I read the script I thought it was a very good story. There was plenty of scope for characterisation, so in short I liked it and wanted to become part of it.

"I had met Jan about a year before we started filming. I had seen some of her other work as a director and I liked her raw edge, the acting she got out of the stars and the whole spirit of her films.

"And I saw all that in Jan when I met her. I thought making The Calling would be a great lark – and actually it was."

The star said she could hardly resist the invitation to the Swale Film Festival.

She said: "It was nice to be asked and I know that it is a very young festival only in its second year.

"I think everything should be done to encourage people to get in to the cinema.

"At these times it's terrible important to support the industry in any way you can.

**EXCLUSIVE**

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

"Independents, and people like Jan, need support. They get things done by sheer grit and determination.

"Plus of course, I haven't seen the film yet, so I am looking forward to that. I have been away a lot this summer so I missed the first showing but I am determined to see the second one."

York also revealed her character is not exactly the nicest she's ever played on screen.

She said: "I liked Jan a lot and enjoyed working with her and all the girls. I played the Mother Superior.

"She is a very fierce and somewhat over-the-top character. And I enjoyed that. I give our young star a very hard time in the film. My character is hardly cosy and cuddly. It was a journey for me."

Jan Dunn said: "Susannah is a screen legend – I think that is a fair and accurate description of her.

"It is very significant that she agreed to attend this screening. It is generous of her to come to the Swale Film Festival which she is very keen to support as it is only in its second year. We are so proud of this film – and it's marvellous it could do so well."

York is best known for her part in the 1963 movie Tom Jones which won the Best Film Oscar.

The 70-year-old was nominated for her own Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her part in They Shoot Horses Don't They? in 1969, but was beaten by Goldie Hawn after she apparently snubbed the Academy for not consulting her first.

York won Best Actress at the 1972 Cannes festival for her role in Images.

Festival director Ken Rowles said: "We are delighted with her attendance. I could not be happier."

The Festival also includes The Hide, which was filmed on the Isle of Sheppey.

The Calling was made in Kent by Maeve (Medb) Films based in Ramsgate and the Kent County Council Film Office.

The Kent Development Fund is now pouring £200,000 a year into film-making projects.

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# Fresh hope for carers plunged in 'black hole'

## Father of schizophrenic hopes for end to 'topsy turvy' system

By JENNA PUDELEK
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A FATHER whose grown-up son has schizophrenia has spoken frankly about the problems he has faced as a carer and feeling like "piggy in the middle" for more than a decade.

Kent County Council and the two primary care trusts (PCTs) in the county have published a "carers' strategy", which aims to support the growing number of people who provide unpaid care to relatives or loved ones.

In Kent there are 127,848 carers, which is 12.58 per cent of the population, a figure that increases to 14 per cent in Thanet. Nationally, one in 10 people are a carer.

### Struggling

Keith Williams*, who lives in west Kent, has been a long-time carer for his son, who first began to show signs of serious mental illness in 1996 while he was home from university.

"It is good they are willing to put it on paper, but there are underlying issues," he said, speaking about the new strategy.

"Some of the things like respite and financial support are easily identified, but there are deeper issues than that.

"I want joined up, seamless services between social services and the NHS. I want them to know exactly what each other are doing and have some understanding towards carers getting information and guidance."

In the strategy, using Government funding, by 2018 KCC wants carers to be respected, have a life of their own alongside their caring role, be financially supported and be able to stay well mentally and physically.

Mr Williams' son is now in his early 30s, and has found medication that works but it has side effects including lethargy and weight gain. He is currently struggling to find work because of the stigma that is still attached to mental health.

"As a carer you are not trained or told what is going on," he said. "The good advice we've got is from the charitable organisations Carers First and Rethink, it has been cathartic to meet these people.

"Engaging with carers seems disingenuous. We want to seriously engage but it is like you are piggy in the middle. I want them to engage with us and feel we are part of a useful and effective measure of caring.

"We want them to give us advice and guidance rather than the black hole you are plunged into that you do not know if you are ever going to come out of."

Asked if the strategy was a response to issues that carers had highlighted within the current system, Cllr Graham Gibbens, KCC's cabinet member for adult social care, said: "No I don't think so.

"The real issue is KCC and the two PCTs want to do all we can so carer organisations and most importantly, the carers, are given the support they need to make the lives of those they care for as fulfilled as possible."

Mr Williams said although professionals in social services "worked their socks off" to support people with long-term illness and their carers, they were under resourced.

He said accessing the proper care for his son was a struggle, he said: "I was completely unprepared. I thought I was pretty smart but I found it very difficult to cope and manage.

"I had to back off because I was creating such a fuss and I did not want to physically upset my son and make him worse."

### Quadruple

He added: "I have faith that it is a global issue, that if it were a seamless service that engaged with carers all the other practical things that are easy to identify with will fall into place. But it is so topsy turvy."

By 2020, the number of people over 65 is set to increase by almost a third, the over 85s are set to double and the over 100s to quadruple.

Cllr Gibbens added: "I think what we will see as the years go by are changes demographically and there is going to be a greater need for carers. I think the role of KCC and the PCTs working together with carers organisations will be to ensure resources are used as well as possible."

** Keith Williams is a pseudonym to protect the identity of his son.*

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# Dancer in Miss England finals

TEENAGE beauty Yasmin Pearce has taken a big step towards fame and fortune by reaching the finals of Miss England.

The 19-year-old dancer from Longfield, near Gravesend, will take to the stage at the Hilton London Metropole on July 19-20 with the chance to represent her country in the Miss World competition at stake.

Earlier this year Yasmin – who made a brief appearance in the Richard Curtis film The Boat That Rocked – told Kent on Sunday she hoped the event could open some doors to a future career in modelling.

She added: "It would be amazing to win. My boyfriend took me to The Troxy in London for last year's final and I just wanted to be up on that stage as the centre of attention.

"When I found out they were accepting applications for this year, I just thought 'why not?'".

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# Lorna inspires charity ride

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Lorna Blofield, from Littlebourne near Canterbury, has been treated for breast cancer three times, had surgery to remove a tumour-ridden kidney and been through six months of chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Her husband, Tony, and four of the couple's friends will be leaving Cape Wrath in Scotland on August 2 to cycle 700 miles in seven days down to the coal miners' memorial in Dover in aid of the chemo unit at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

"My wife thinks I'm a bit crazy but she's also seriously impressed," Mr Blofield, 52, said. "She is in constant pain but does not give up. If you see her you do not think she has cancer."

The team, which also includes Dan Marsh, 28, and Alan Hollister, 60, from Canterbury, David Newgreen, 43, from Finglesham near Deal, and Jim Brereton, 44, from Littlebourne, are also raising cash for Odyssey.

The charity, founded in Kent, offers people with cancer the chance to take part in adventure holidays such as abseiling and rock climbing. It will get a share of the £7,000 the team is hoping to raise.

Mrs Blofield is currently on Herceptin, a drug which is treating her secondary lung cancer, but her husband said now doctors are concerned the cancer has spread to her bones.

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# Tories clash on £15m French plan to uncover illegal migrants

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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PLANS to tighten the French border using £15 million of British taxpayers' cash have provoked conflicting responses from two of Kent's senior Conservatives.

A deal agreed on Monday by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and President Nicolas Sarkozy will result in the money being spent on new technology to search vehicles at Calais.

In return the French have agreed to step up the repatriation of illegal immigrants to prevent them sleeping rough while waiting for their chance to sneak aboard cross-Channel trains and ferries.

The arrangement has been criticised by Ashford MP and shadow immigration spokesman Damien Green, while his Tory colleague and South East MEP Richard Ashworth says he supports the plan.

Mr Green said: "The British taxpayer is getting a bad deal from the Government.

"We are apparently paying £15m so the French agree to enforce their own laws. Surely they should be deporting illegal immigrants anyway.

"Every few months the Government makes a tough announcement about the border at Calais. Sadly this has never been followed by tough action.

"The long-term solution is the introduction of a proper border police force, using specialist skills to keep our borders safe."

A trial of the new immigrant-detecting technology will be carried out at Calais before being extended to Boulogne, Dunkirk and the Channel Tunnel terminal at Coquelles.

### United Nations

Government ministers say it will make it impossible for stowaways – who often beat carbon dioxide tests by placing plastic bags over their heads – to go undetected.

Mr Ashworth, who lives in Folkestone, said: "I am pleased the Government has seen fit to devote extra resources to tackle the illegal immigration arising from northern France.

"I have been calling for greater Home Office presence in French ports to curb asylum seekers since 2004 and I am pleased to see the first in what I hope will be a series of joint measures to tackle the problem."

Despite their differing responses to the deal, one view the two Conservatives do share is that the new United Nations refugee centre in Calais will do little to stop would-be migrants flocking to the port in the hope of reaching Kent.

Mr Green told Kent on Sunday last week that those immigrants currently squatting in 'The Jungle' should be given the message that they will not be able to enter Britain long before they even reach France, and Mr Ashworth agreed.

He said: "The fact a temporary camp is to be created by the end of the year on the site of the infamous Calais Jungle providing both food and shelter is concerning, as previous camps in northern France have acted as a focal point for people traffickers.

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They are joined by JLS who are already causing quite a sensation and their first single is not due in the shops until tomorrow.

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## Seven years of hard work pay off as Sikhs open first phase of new gurdwara

MOVING FORWARD: Five senior Sikhs carried flags as they escorted the van carrying the Guru Granth Sahib from the old temple to the new £12.5m temple in Khalsa Avenue

# Celebrations as scripture is moved to new temple

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A SPECTACULAR Sikh temple that took £12.5 million and seven years to build has finally opened its doors for worship.

The Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara is one of the largest of its kind outside of India, and has attracted numerous visitors to Gravesend since work began back in 2002.

Last week a colourful ceremony attended by hundreds of worshippers marked the partial opening of the temple, which forms part of a larger complex also containing educational facilities, football pitches and a library.

Gurdwara president Jaspal Singh Dhesi said: "As a whole complex it's the biggest in Europe, and possibly even outside India.

"It's unique in its setting and is very well-served, and over the years people have come to Gravesend just to see it. It's a landmark building and is very impressive.

"Our other temple has been in Gravesend for a long time – it opened in 1968 – and the Sikh community has outgrown it. It was in the middle of a residential area with no parking, but the new temple has space for 200 cars."

Last week's ceremony saw the inauguration of a dining room and one of two smaller worship halls, with the second due to come into use in about a month's time.

Five of Gravesend's most senior Sikhs bore flags as they walked beside a van transporting the Guru Granth Sahib – the Sikh holy scripture – from its previous home in Clarence Place to the new temple in Khalsa Avenue. They were followed by fellow worshippers dressed in traditional Sikh attire as the Panj Piaras.

The rest of the temple, including the main hall will be formally opened during the Vaisakhi harvest festival celebrations next April.

Last weekend also saw the first Sikh wedding take place there.

Mr Dhesi said: "First and foremost the gurdwara is a place of worship but it's also a place for people to come together. It's not just for Sikhs to enjoy, it's for the whole community and that has always been the case.

"Part of the reason it's taken so long to build is because we have relied on the generosity of the people of Kent to raise the money, and we are extremely grateful because £12.5m is obviously a lot.

"The ceremony was a time for immense pride really because a lot of us have been involved with this from the beginning."

Gravesend's Sikh community began to settle in the town at the turn of the 20th century and used to gather in each other's homes before the original Clarence Road gurdwara was built.

The new temple has been clad inside and out with granite and marble and boasts five elaborate domes as well as an intricate heating and ventilation system.

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# Mastering the art of survival

A MARTIAL arts expert who has been in a long battle against cancer has become the first woman in the UK to become a master in the tsuyoi ryu form of karate.

By CHRIS MURPHY
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And as if that wasn't enough, Sandra Beale has taken on a myriad of other responsibilities.

When she was aged just nine, she found a tennis-ball sized lump under her arm which eventually led to having two ribs removed, long stays in hospital, and a doctor telling her parents she only had a 50-50 chance of pulling through.

But she showed what a dramatic fighter she was going to become and beat the cancer, for now at least.

She has been director of operations at the Herne Bay based National Association of Karate and Martial Art Schools for 17 years.

Now the 41-year-old has passed the 5th Dan karate grade in tsuyoi ryu karate – making her a master, or 'shihan'.

Sandra, from Herne Bay, said she used to accompany her husband's trips to karate lessons and did things like take the register.

She said: "I get bored, and thought I would try it out, and found I loved it.

"It is a great honour to achieve my 5th Dan. I could never have imagined achieving this level. Without the support of my husband and dedication and loyalty of my students, I wouldn't have reached this stage."

She is married to Joe Ellis, the chairman of NAKMAS, which has 73,000 members.

As a youngster, Sandra was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

After surgery, radiotherapy and two years of chemotherapy she survived, but the extensive treatment caused other illnesses, including damage to the heart.

As Sandra grew older, she developed skin cancer, and recently needed hip resurfacing – an alternative treatment to his replacement.

She said: "I still have to go back for checkups every year, and it was only in the last four years that I stopped being under the paediatric unit, which was quite amusing.

"I told them that perhaps it was time I went to the adult unit.

"I am hoping everything is behind me now, but all this has gone on for so long I am used to it and just take it all in my stride now. I can't dwell on it. I just got on with it."

Sandra has been practising karate for 18 years and is also the joint chief instructor to the Kent Karate Schools.

She teaches classes in Ashford and Canterbury, specialising in teaching children, including those with Asperger Syndrome and other special needs.

Away from her many martial arts commitments, Sandra's true passion is dance and she has competed in professional dance competitions since she was four years-old. She continues to dance, practising and teaching alongside her father, Alan.

Sandra is also an academic and attained a Master of Arts in education from the University of Kent. She is about to commence study for a doctorate in education at the Sheffield Hallam University, specialising in autism within sport and physical activity.

"I like to keep myself busy," she said.

ACHIEVEMENT: Sandra Beale is the first woman in the UK to become a master in the tsuyoi ryu form of karate

# More smokers kicking the habit than anywhere in UK

THOUSANDS of smokers across Kent are stubbing out the habit with help from NHS services, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) leading healthcare across Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said the region had the best stopping smoking success rate in England.

In west Kent, where smokers cost the health service £10 million in hospital admissions every year, more than 3,000 people quit in 2008.

NHS West Kent said its stop smoking service at GP surgeries helped 2,000 people give up, and by working in prisons and military barracks a further 700 went smoke-free.

Research shows 70 per cent of smokers want to give up, but only two to three per cent successfully quit each year. The SHA has pledged to provide effective 'tobacco control' services in its 10-year vision for healthcare in the region.

Professor William Roche, the authority's medical director, said: "The stop smoking service hit a 58 per cent success rate in the last year that is the best of any region in England."

The west Kent primary care trust (PCT) held its first stop smoking awards to highlight best practice among services and individuals in the area.

Dr Sanjay Singh of the Invicta Practice-Based Commissioning Group has been supporting smokers wanting to kick the habit for up to six months, rather than the usual practice of four weeks. He found smokers were more likely to give up and not relapse.

St Luke's Medical Practice in Maidstone was praised for helping 88 per cent of people who signed up with the service stop smoking.

In Pembury, near Tunbridge Wells, the Waterfield House Surgery checked potential non-smokers' carbon monoxide levels. The test shows how the amount of the dangerous gas found in their lungs has reduced since they last smoked.

The device was used on each person who signed up for the stop smoking service.

Stop smoking service manager Sharon Ives said: "The NHS West Kent service is free and with our support you are four times more likely to successfully quit."

Midwife Tanya Goldsmith from Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford picked up an accolade at the awards on June 30 for supporting pregnant women to stop smoking.

An innovation award was given to Julia Bentley and the Patient Administration System team at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust who introduced a system to send referrals directly from the hospital to the stop smoking service electronically.


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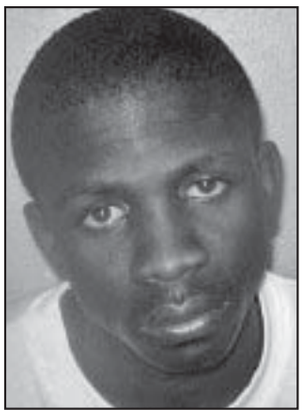

VICIOUS ATTACK: Michael Peters

# Teen dragged his victim from street before raping her

A TEENAGE rapist who dragged his victim to a dark and secluded area of wasteland has been jailed for seven-and-a-half years, ***writes Steve Knight.***

Michael Peters, 19, from Woolwich, south-east London, also hit the terrified 21-year-old when she screamed before forcing her to perform a sex act on him.

The attack took place in Crayford, Bexley, at about 12.50am on April 23.

Peters pleaded guilty to two counts of rape the following month and was jailed at Woolwich Crown Court on Tuesday.

Judge Charles Byers, sentencing, said: "An apology may give some small comfort to the victim of this dreadful crime, but it can never be enough. I regard this as a sustained attack because you took a complete stranger off the streets, attacked her from behind and then raped her in a dark and secluded area.

"It must be every woman's nightmare. You have manifested yourself to be a danger to women."

Peters followed his victim – who cannot be named for legal reasons – as she walked along Station Road, Crayford Road and Whitehill Road, before pouncing on her at the junction with Dartford Road. He left vital DNA evidence at the scene and was identified and arrested within five days of the offence.

Judge Byers told Peters: "You initially denied this allegation, but because of the forensic evidence you pleaded guilty and spared your victim the ordeal of a trial and of her having to give evidence in court.

"However, this sustained and planned crime cannot go unpunished. I cannot ignore the fact you are at risk of committing further violent offences."

Peters was arrested following an investigation by Bexley police's Sapphire Unit, which handles all sexual offences in the borough. The teenager will now remain on the sex offenders' register for life.


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## Brothers facing arson charges

TWO brothers have been charged with arson with intent to endanger life.

Jimmy Dean Lismore, 19, of Johnson Avenue, Gillingham, and Sean Mark Lismore, 22, of no fixed address, were arrested in connection with a fire started in an address in Victoria Street, Gillingham.

Police were called to the scene at 1pm on Sunday, July 5, following reports the front of a house had been set alight. No-one was injured in the incident.

## Murder trial is halted by shingles

A NEW date in December has been fixed for the trial of Peter Tobin, who is accused of killing an 18-year-old woman.

Tobin, 62, of Renfrewshire, Scotland, denies murdering Dinah McNicol, who disappeared in the summer of 1991.

Her remains were discovered in 2007 at an address in Irvine Drive, Margate.

The trial at Chelmsford Crown Court was stopped after the judge, Mr Justice Calvert-Smith, told the court Tobin had shingles with complications that would require surgery.

A new trial date has been fixed for Monday, December 14.

## Runaway jet ski

A JET SKI was pursued by a Whitstable lifeboat after it was spotted speeding out to sea towards the busy Thames Estuary shipping lane.

The lifeboat was called out just after 2pm on Sunday, July 5, and went to investigate.

Meanwhile, Herne Bay Coastguard found the missing rider safe ashore at Hampton, after another jet ski had picked him up.

# Just William will be going back to school

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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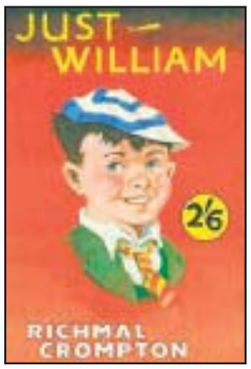
A CHILDREN'S television programme based on the classic Just William series of books is to be remade by the BBC.

Iconic British author Richmal Crompton wrote 38 separate collections of short stories about the mischievous schoolboy William Brown, before her death at Farnborough Hospital, Bromley, in 1969.

The books have already been adapted for television twice before – the most notable of which starred Diana Dors and Bonnie Langford when it was screened on ITV in 1976 – but the BBC has decided to breathe new life into the character once more.

CBBC controller Anne Gilchrist announced the programme's return at the Showcomotion children's media conference in Sheffield this week.

She said: "These new commissions reflect the originality and diversity of the CBBC schedule and reinforce our commitment to working with the most innovative new and established creative British talent around."



ICONIC: (Left) The first of 38 Just William books and (right) author Richmal Crompton who started the series while she was a teacher

Born Richmal Lamburn in 1890, Lancashire girl Crompton adopted her new surname in 1917 for fear her employers at Bromley High School would object to her writing books in her spare time.

She wrote the first nine William Brown books at her home in Cherry Orchard Road, with more being penned at The Glebe in nearby Oakley Road where she lived between 1928 and 1954.

Even after her death at the age of 78, Crompton's name still lives on in the borough where William's many adventures were thought to be based.

A Wetherspoon pub in Westmoreland Place was named after the author – who also wrote about 50 adult works – while the former Scrubs Farm Field on Bromley Common was redeveloped as the Richmal Crompton Fields in 2007.

The first Just William adaptation was for a 1940 film starring Planet of the Apes actor Roddy McDowall as William's best friend Ginger, while one of two 1948 sequels featured future Doctor Who Jon Pertwee in one of his earliest screen roles.

The series was also transformed into both radio and stage shows before the BBC brought it to the small screen for the first time in the early 1960s.

The first series saw future Minder tough guy Dennis Waterman in the leading role, but he was later replaced by the lesser-known Denis Gilmore.

According to the corporation, the 2010 adaptation for Sundays on BBC One will be set in 1952 and feature "the world's most famous scruffy schoolboy in a new series of appalling scrapes".

The series is being written by Simon Nye, who is best known for creating the popular 1990s sitcom Men Behaving Badly.

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# Tanked up

## War show enthusiast and pals recreate WWII German Panzer

By CHRIS MURPHY
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WHAT do industrial welders do for fun? Build replica German World War Two tanks, of course.

Jon Phillips, 49, loves it so much, he has now built several, and admits he just can't stop.

Because the Germans lost the war, much of their military hardware was decommissioned when the fighting stopped. Or in layman's terms, destroyed to stop the German army rising once again.

That means any genuine German war machine now commands massive prices, which means Jon has the market for putting together some of the world's best replicas.

He shows them off at war re-enactment displays, but is baffled why British and American fans alike keep asking him why he builds German machinery.

Jon, from Hoo, near Rochester, told the Kent on Sunday: "It's easy – it gives them something to shoot at during these meetings.

"It was built from the chassis of a British AFV432 personnel carrier. The 432 was vital to the project because its dimensions are almost exact."

He also gets particularly angry when people accuse of him being a Nazi sympathiser because he only builds German vehicles.

Jon said: "I am just a normal bloke doing something I love. I don't love the Nazis, I just want to build things other people aren't. I do get upset when anyone dares suggest anything else.

BEFORE: The British AFV432 personnel carrier before its transformation

"War shows need two sides – how could they carry on if everyone just built Allied vehicles?"

His girlfriend Stefanie also goes along to the events with their four children.

Jon's new Panzer has a swivelling turret and a radio system.

The guns fires gas shots, which make a loud bang, but no shell. A cross section of steel bar has to be welded into the end of the turret gun to stop people dropping things inside, which would then be shot out when fired.

The tank next goes into action with guns blazing at the War and Peace Show, which takes place at The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, on July 22-26.

Jon said: "Tanks like this are so rare these days that you can only find them in museums.

"If you could buy one it would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. We got hold of a British AFV432, which is a tracked vehicle, and completely rebuilt it into a German tank."

Fellow enthusiast Tim Bluck, an electronics engineer, said: "The biggest job was to move the engine further back.

"It's a massive Rolls Royce beast which is so heavy that our forklift, which carries two-and-a-half tonnes, struggled to shift it."

Most of the plating was welded by Jon's son Lewis, who is planning a career with the Royal Marines. He was working under the direction of Harold Marillier, an expert on German armour.

The team got hold of a ring bearing from an old British Scorpion tank on which the turret sits and swivels with satisfying ease, he said.

AFTER: Tim Bluck, Lewis Phillips and Jon Phillips on their replica of a German Panzer III

Jon said: "Of course it's not the real thing, but it gives people a good impression of what a Panzer III looked like and how it operated.

"I just do this for fun now. I do earn a little bit from doing work for others, but these big projects, which take over 10 weeks to complete, are just a hobby, and I love it."

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# Celebrate the summer by eating out of doors

**What better way to enjoy the warmer weather than with a barbecue? RACHEL McATHY dodges the queues and ensures all her sausages, burgers and salads are food from Kent**

IF YOU had not already noticed, summer is well and truly here.

Which not only means the arrival of a new wardrobe and copious supplies of suncream, but some amazing new taste sensations from the county are also now in season.

And what better way to make the most of Kent's summer selections than with a stop off at our one-stop shop for local foods?

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They supply a full range of quality groceries, sourced locally wherever possible and delivered to your home.

From fruits and vegetables, to meats and dairy – whatever you need this summer, Foodforkent.co.uk can fill your appetite.

They also offer advice on the top picks of the season, making sure you take away the best our county has to offer each month.

Popular contenders at this time of year include blackberries, gooseberries and cherries. Also, the two favourites of all the summer fruits, raspberries and strawberries, are equally delicious and at their best now.

On the savoury side, there are plenty of vegetables to be snapped up. Old favourites such as broad beans and garden peas are coming into season now, as are courgettes and bunched beetroot. For the true taste of home you should also try new Kentish potatoes, fresh from the county's soil. For salad lovers, summer is a great time to stock up on the classics of celery, cucumber, French beans, lettuce, tomatoes and radishes.

And we all know that when the sun comes out, the barbeque is often soon to follow.

Luckily, this time of year provides a succulent array of kebabs, burgers and sausages at Foodforkent. And if you buy right now you can snap up a 10 per cent discount on all its barbecue range.

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If all that was not enough, our online site also has a dazzling display of biscuits and breads, eggs and cheeses, as well as fish, drinks and other kitchen essentials.

And if the summer sun is putting you in a generous mood, there are also gift hampers, or selections of chutneys, jams and marmalades which make an ideal gift for a taste of local produce.

With the summer in full swing, there has never been a better time to sign up for a taste of what Kent has to offer. For more information visit www.foodforkent.co.uk or call 01233 721929.

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MD Julian Barnes will travel to the House of Lords later this month to receive the awards.

Biddenden Vineyards is located just outside the historic village of Biddenden in Gribble Bridge Lane.

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## Chilli celebration is sure to heat up your tastebuds

THE first Chilli Festival at Hempstead Valley Farmers' Market will be held today.

The brave can try the hottest chillis around while also on sale will be chilli jams, sauces, chutneys and other chilli related gift items.

There will be several specialist chilli producers attending the event – created to acknowledge the growing popularity for hot food and increasing range of chilli products hitting the shelves.

The Chilli Festival is in addition to the selection of local produce including meat, vegetables, beers and apple juice which is normally available at the regular monthly farmers' market.

The market is held on the second Sunday of each month (future dates: August 9, September 13 and October 11) and is open between 10am and 2pm. It's held in the green car park at Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre.

## Take a peek at some of our tasty Kent produce

COME and see what Food for Kent has to offer at the Kent County Show next weekend.

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# Honouring murdered marines

By NICK AMES
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TODAY will see evidence of the continuing bond between Deal and its favourite adopted sons – the Royal Marines – as an estimated 10,000 spectators gather on the recreation ground close to the seafront for a concert.

Twenty years ago a terrorist outrage that shook the whole country took place when 11 young bandsmen from Deal's Royal Marines School of Music were killed by an IRA bomb.

A further 21 were injured by the device, which exploded at 8.27am on September 22, 1989.

A 15lb time bomb had been placed in the recreational centre of the music school. The blast destroyed the building and levelled the neighbouring accommodation block killing the Marines – musicians whose only role in active service would have been as stretcher bearers.

The act caused national revulsion – but served to strengthen the already firm links between Deal and the Marines.

A bandstand was built close to the seafront which bears the names of those killed and each year the Marines band, now based in Portsmouth, return to play a concert.

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But this weekend is set to be even more poignant than usual because it is the 20th anniversary of the attack.

Lt Col Woody Page of the Royal Marines said: "Twenty years on from the tragedy it is a memorial concert which demonstrates our remembrance and the continued links between the town of Deal and the Royal Marines."

Today's tribute will see the Marines march from the site of the former South Barracks to the bandstand. They will go via Canada Road, where a minute's silence will be observed alongside the memorial garden – the site of the bombing – before going back into the barracks and out through the Jubilee Gates.

The march will proceed along the Strand and onto Walmer Green where they will join fellow musicians for a Service of Rededication before the concert.

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# Picture is changing

THERE could be any number of reasons as to why Kent's speed cameras caught less law-breaking motorists last year than they did in 2007.

Sat navs, a better knowledge of the position of the cameras and even the recession have all been suggested, although it is impossible to know if any one has played a bigger role than the rest. But regardless of what has caused it, a reduction of 34,833 motorists caught is significant and suggests the cameras are succeeding at least in getting people to slow down.

The real test of course is whether that has resulted in a drop in the number of accidents, deaths and injuries, and the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership says it has by 63 per cent since 2002.

Many people will continue to believe a speed camera is a money-making device rather than a life-saving one.

But surely it's better to have cars driving slowly through our residential areas than putting us at danger by speeding.

In the short-term speed cameras are here to stay and we have to get used to it.

And if these new figures are anything to go by, it seems many of us already have.

# A true Man of Kent

LORD Sandy Bruce-Lockhart was a true man of Kent who fought tooth-and-nail for what he believed in.

Historic Dover Castle was one of his favourite places to visit in the county, so it is only fitting that a plaque bearing the former KCC leader's name has now been installed there. It will serve as a lasting reminder for a man who gave so much to this county.

# OPINION: Warning over warming

Climate change is an immediate threat to the lives of millions of people in the developing world. The harmful effects of global warming may not yet be felt in this country, but the UK should be leading the way to reaching a global agreement to cap greenhouse gas emissions this December at the UN talks in Copenhagen, says **GREG CLARK** MP.

IT IS a cruel irony that those least responsible for destabilising our climate system will be the ones who suffer its impacts both first and hardest.

As we sit through what has (so far) been a very pleasant English summer, it can be understandably difficult for people in Britain to appreciate the dangerous consequences of climate change are, in other parts of the world, not a threat facing future generations, but a real danger to the health and prosperity of millions alive today.

It is great that Oxfam organised a Climate Hearing in Tunbridge Wells, which allowed local people to hear the experiences of speakers from Uganda, Malawi and Bangladesh where climate change is already affecting their families, livelihoods and communities.

Bangladesh, for example, is vulnerable because it is so low lying and therefore acutely vulnerable to flooding and extreme storms, which are now becoming ever more frequent and more devastating. More than three million Bangladeshis were made homeless by cyclone Sidr in 2007 and nearly 30 per cent of the country's rice harvest was lost.

Oxfam estimates that 375 million people globally may be affected by climate-related disasters by as soon as 2015.

But now is no time to get depressed by the scale of this challenge. We are not powerless in the face of this threat. We can and must help the world's poorest countries adapt to the warming that is already inevitable.

But, if we can secure an effective global deal to reduce man-made greenhouse gas emissions, then it is certainly not too late to prevent our climate from getting to the point where it becomes dangerously unstable.

The next six months are vital to ensuring that such a global deal is done.

In December the UK will participate in United Nations talks at Copenhagen which, if successful, will produce a global agreement to limit future man-made greenhouse gas emissions sufficiently to keep atmospheric warming within two degrees Celsius, the threshold beyond which scientists fear the impacts of warming will become considerably more dangerous and expensive.

For any deal to be effective it must include binding emissions reduction targets from the main developed world emitters and a comprehensive plan for tangible action from the developing world, including an international system for financing new technology and adaptation to the climate change impacts that our visitors from Uganda, Malawi and Bangladesh are already experiencing.

My party is committed to ensuring such a deal takes place and believes strongly the UK should be in a leadership role in seeking an effective agreement.

Britain was the first country in the world to industrialise so we have a historic responsibility to ensure we not only dramatically reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions today, but also assist developing countries in leap-frogging the carbon intensive development that we did not have the technology to avoid.

Another reason why the UK should lead in securing a global deal and developing a low carbon economy is because it will be good for our country to do so.

Reducing our fossil fuel dependence will protect our bills from future energy price shocks like the ones recently. Making our homes and businesses, and the appliances in them, more energy efficient will save billions of pounds on wasted energy.

And thanks to our skilled workforce and excellent research institutions, Britain is ideally placed to seize an enormous economic opportunity from developing new clean technologies and services which will create many new jobs where we badly need them.

I am delighted that our visitors from Uganda, Malawi and Bangladesh have agreed to come and speak in our community and bring the story of climate change home to us. Their experience is not only a call to action for us today, but also a clear warning of a future which we must do all in our power to avoid. I strongly believe an effective deal at Copenhagen is not only essential, but is also in the best interests of our national security, our social health and our economic interest here at home.

• ***Greg Clark is the shadow secretary of state for energy and climate change and the MP for Tunbridge Wells.***

## Pay proper tribute to MP

Gordon Henderson, the current Conservative challenger for the Sittingbourne and Sheppey parliamentary seat, strikes a sardonic tone in his brief comments (Kent on Sunday, July 5) on the retirement of Derek Wyatt MP at the next election.

Whatever Mr Henderson's views on his own electoral chances, he could at least have recognised that in Derek Wyatt the people of Sittingbourne and Sheppey have had a hard-working and committed MP, who has been forced to step down through personal circumstances.

Like many others, whether constituents or colleagues, I found Derek to have been extremely helpful and considerate. Mr Henderson may like to take the opportunity to pay an appropriately fulsome tribute to Derek Wyatt.

*Mike Eddy*
*Labour District Councillor*
*for Mill Hill, Deal*

## Bigoted Bishop should go

So the homophobic 'bigot' of Rochester; Michael Nazir-Ali; is moaning again about the gay community ahead of the meeting in London of a sad collection of so-called Christian traditionalists.

In the Bishop's case, he is in my view, on a guilt trip based on his conversion from Islam to Christianity and tries to 'prove' it with a load of 'holier than thou' utterances.

Yet he himself has been the victim of racism and death threats due to the conversion but, conveniently, fails to see the that bigotry is bigotry whoever it's aimed at.

He calls on gay people to "repent and change" failing, inevitably, to respect the fact that being gay is completely natural and always has been, as shown by scientific studies.

Indeed, just a short while ago scientists found one of the genes for being transexual.

There are also a growing number of studies showing that gay behaviour occurs across the natural world and they were clearly suggesting that such is beneficial to the survival of all species.

The Bishop and his ilk though are rather like those who berated Darwin on publication of The Origin of Species.

They have been roundly both denounced and proved wrong.

Further, the Catholic Church could not accept Galileo's discovery of moons around Jupiter and took 400 years to issue a 'half-hearted ' apology.

The gay community though demands that he, and all those meeting in London, apologise now for their ignorance, repent their homophobia, and 'change' themselves.

He is due to stand down in September but I suggest he leaves now, as does the gay community, their families and friends. I also urge the Archbishop of Canterbury to replace him with someone with compassion and knowledge about the 'real' world.

*Ray Duff, Folkestone*

## Volunteer to protect ID

Last week's headlines appeared to proclaim a major climb-down over ID cards: they were no longer to be compulsory for UK citizens. Wonderful news! Well, it it is for those airport and railway workers that were targeted to be forced to carry them. However, all is not as it seems, the rest of the database state scheme is still very much in place and proceeding.

Once more government spin has triumphed and much of the media has got it wrong. The new Home Secretary Alan Johnson has not made any significant changes to the scheme. Compulsion by stealth is still the order of the day, just as it always was. Someone joining the ID scheme 'voluntarily' will still be placing control of their identity in the hands of the Identity and Passport Service for life.

The Home Office line remains the same. No compulsion (as the Home Office defines it) was going to be applied until almost everyone had 'volunteered' and then it was only a matter of rounding up a minority of resisters and marginalised people.

The Home Office's idea of "voluntary" is not the same as yours and mine.

Since 2004 the scheme was (and it still is) to proceed by "designating" one-by-one under the Identity Cards Act 2006 other documents issued by official bodies – in the first place passports.

Once a document has been designated, you won't be able to apply for one without also applying to be entered, for life, on the national identity register. If you don't agree to be registered it won't be that you are refused (say) a passport; you'd have voluntarily decided not to apply.

There's no compulsion to have a passport. It is useful for travelling.

But you aren't compelled to travel.

Or (say) to drive. Or to work as a security guard. Or with children. Or in healthcare. To get parole from prison. To practice as a lawyer…

Any official licence, registration certificate or permit can be designated, and – in the Home Office's skewed logic – handing control of your identity to the Home Office's Identity and Passport Service will still be entirely voluntary.

That they were due for a confrontation with the airside workers' unions over designating new passes at Manchester and City Airports is an illustration of just how voluntary "voluntary" really is. But the fact they have now ducked that fight for political convenience suggests saying no does work – if you say it loudly enough.

So, nationally and locally our campaign goes on – and will continue until our principal demand is met: the repeal of the 2006 ID Cards Act, and preferably a few related "database state measures" put through as part of other Acts. The liberty-and-privacy threatening powers still exist, albeit some of them on the "back-burner" and could be resurrected at any time in the future.

*Ian Taylor*
*Branch Co-ordinator, Dover NO2ID*

## A costly career choice

Re: Increases in KCC councillors' expenses.

I am a Conservative Party member, activist and member of the association executive. I must say that you politicians still do not "get it".

Serving as a councillor is not a career. It should be serving the community. The allowances should be treated as expenses, not salary or pension.

The way national and local government is going we will be governed by career politicians who have not had to earn a crust in the real world and who have no idea of what happens in the private sector.

*James Jones, Rochester*

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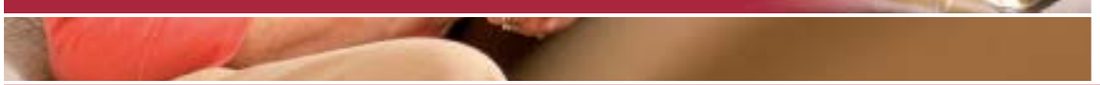

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**BARTLETT**
Adam and Karen Bartlett would like to announce the birth of their son Ellis Addison Bartlett who was born on the 21st June 2009, weighing 8lbs 11oz.

**BENTLEY**
Jade Remia would like to announce the birth of her son Chester Beau. Born on the 27th June 2009.

**CHEQUER**
Lisa and Richard celebrate the birth of their son Reggie Frederick on 1st July 2009.

**COKER**
Mat and Sam are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Emily Rose Coker. Emily was born on the 24th June 2009 at 4.15 am and weighed 8lb exactly.

**CRIBBEN**
Michelle and Jamie Cribben celebrate the birth of their son James Martin Cribben on 22nd June 2009.

**FENN**
Lez and Hannah are proud to announce the safe arrival of their first born son Dylan Paul, born 28/06/2009 at 3:39am in The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Margate.

**FULLER**
Izabelle Chloe Fuller born on 29th June 2009, weighing 6lb 6oz. Daughter to Kerry Peskett and Neil Fuller.

**GAGE**
Phil Gage and Susan Longhurst of Broadstairs celebrate the birth of their son Michael Gage on 25th June 2009.

**GAVIN**
Evan born on the 17th June 2009, weighing 7lbs 15oz. Son to Karen and Simon Gavin in Dover.

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Sharon and Scott Mann celebrate the birth of their daughter Chloe Mann born on 11th June 2009.

**MEREDITH**
Miley born on the 19th June 2009, weighing 6lbs 14oz. Daughter to Kerry Bigginton and Luke Meredith in Dover.

**MILLAR**
William and Leigh of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their second son, Zak Robert, on 15th June 2009 at 21.18 hrs weighing 4lb. A new brother for Mia and Liam.

**MOLYNEUX**
Ricky and Trisha are pleased to announce the Birth of their Daughter Alesha Jean born on the 21st June 2009.

**RUTT**
Sean Rutt and Jordan Westbury are pleased to announce the arrival of Lillee Jane Rutt on 23rd June 2009. The first grandchild of Shirley Westbury and Sara Beavis.

**SMITH**
Lola Smith born 3 July 09. The little miracle who we love and treasure forever. Mummy and Daddy love you so much.

**SPELLER**
Jack David born on 26th June 2009, weighing 8lbs 6oz. Beautiful son to Shaun and Natalie of Doddington. A precious new addition to the family.

**WALDOCK**
Neil and Amy (nee Guy) of Whitstable are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Annie Jean , on 29th June 2009. A new sister for Tom.

## DEATHS

**ALLEN**
Joan Allen of Etchinghill passed away peacefully on the 1st July 2009 at the Pilgrims Hospice Ashford, after a long illness. Deeply missed by her husband Stan and sons Mark and Brett.

**FARNDEN**
Clelia passed away peacefully on 4th July 2009. Will be greatly missed by husband John, children Carolyn, Steven and Sue, grandchildren, family and friends. For ever in our thoughts. Loving you always. Funeral service will take place at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church on 14th July at 11am, followed by a private cremation service. Family flowers only please. Donations to the Stroke Association c/o A Welch and Sons Funeral Directors Herne Bay.

**FREEMAN**
Dorothy passed away peacefully in Maidstone Hospital on 30th June 2009. Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral at Medway Crematorium, Walderslade at 2.20pm on Wednesday 15th July 2009. No flowers by request, donations if desired to MacMillan Nurses or The Heart of Kent Hospice c/o Sears at 2, Thornhill Place, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SF, telephone 01622 754663.

**GALLAGHER**
Peter Gallagher died peacefully on 5th July at The Heart of Kent Hospice. Funeral service at St Francis Church Maidstone on Monday 20th July at 12:30pm. No flowers please but donations may be made to The Heart of Kent Hospice. Grateful thanks to all staff at The Heart of Kent Hospice.

**LOVE**
Mum Kath of Hythe formerly of Dymchurch passed away on the 27th June 2009. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest, and there is comfort in the thought that you will remain close to us.

**MITCHELMORE-HAWKINS**
Arthur Henry Jude Mitchelmore-Hawkins of Faversham passed away on 2nd July 2009. The much loved husband of Pushpa and loving father to his children and grandchildren. He will be so very sadly missed. But cherished memories will always remain . Funeral enquiries to Hogben and Partis of Faversham.

**SELLS**
Patricia Sells of Sandgate passed away peacefully after a short illness on the 6th July 2009. Enquiries to Farriers of Folkestone.

**WHENMOUTH**
Edna Whenmouth died peacefully on 2nd July 2009. Funeral service Monday 13th July at Vinters Park Crematorium at 11am. Family flowers only but donations may be made to the family or Doves Funerals for Burmese Mountain Dog Club of Great Britian.

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## A quiet flight of fancy

Birds tell us a lot about our environment; they need care and monitoring in this world of ours. Many harrowing articles deal with the disappearance of cuckoos, swallows and other summer visitors.

Answers can be close at hand. Outside the Marine hotel in Tankerton with a pint recently, I was aware of something missing, it being mid-summer. Silence. No hordes of house martins screaming around the eaves, a seasonal feature from as far back as I can remember.

I looked up and saw netting and spikes below the roof, evoking the worst reminders of a disused Auschwitz.

I don't see man as a parasite on the face of the Earth, as some comment. It's just sad that people can't keep their hands still for five minutes. What's wrong with being a lazy so-and-so like me?

*G Brenchley, Whitstable*

## Patients' healthy choice

With the NHS changing so fast and patients' views not always taken fully into account, it is nice to know that the Patients Association represents patients at the highest level.

Your readers may be interested in looking at www.patients-association.com to see what work has been done upon the behalf of patients.

Also, I was pleased to learn that due to the recession yearly membership has been reduced to £10. Further details can be obtained from the association at PO Box 935, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 3YJ.

*DJ Gillis, Folkestone*

## True carnival spirit

The Court of Swale had the pleasure if attending the DCAL carnival on Saturday, July 4.

We would like to congratulate Mandie Sehmbi, the DCAL Committee and the people of Dover for a wonderful carnival with such a fantastic atmosphere. We would also like to especially thank Mandie and Honorary Princess, Hayley for giving all the carnival associations in Kent a timely reminder of what 'carnival' is really all about.

It is not about one-upmanship – who has the best float and dresses, or who is winning the most trophies – it is about helping people less fortunate than ourselves. The Committees of the Carnival Associations act as a catalyst that bring the people of their towns and villages together; and it is they, the people of these communities, who actually put the carnivals together by their attendance.

What Mandie and her committee did on Saturday was a wake-up call to all of us in carnival; true 'carnival spirit' is shown by the funnelling of our limited resources to where it can do the most good.

Well done, Mandie, and thank you for reminding us all about what 'carnival' is all about.

*Bill Smith*
*Chairman, Swale Carnival Association*
*Sittingbourne*

## Lesson in responsibility

Medway Council's Tory group are blaming the Government for everything that goes wrong. First it was Medway Tunnel, then school closures, now it's Capstone Valley. Of course, if they were a bit more honest they might admit their own involvement in theses serious issues facing Medway residents.

Firstly, school closures. The Tories say the Government is making them close good schools. But when you read the Government's own guidance and its letter to the council it is clearly up to the council to decide what to do with Medway schools and the government actually says the council should invest in good schools, not close them.

Secondly, Capstone Valley. The Tories blame the Government for the possibility that developers might build thousands of houses there. But the council writes the local development framework and had the chance to rule out this possibility two years ago if it had not made such a mess of the framework. The difference is Labour would only allow major house building on former commercial land not on greenspaces like Capstone, whereas the Tories' record shows housebuilding on greenspaces in Medway like Copperfield in Rochester.

Thirdly, the tunnel. The agreement with Rochester Bridge Trust is the responsibility of the council not the Government. That's why it is so important that any deal to buy the tunnel is a fair one for Medway Council taxpayers.

Medway residents need a sensible answer to plans for local schools, protecting valuable greenspaces like Capstone Valley and Copperfield and the long-term maintenance of the tunnel. Whether it's the tunnel, school closures, or Capstone Valley, Medway Tories blame someone else for their own mistakes and incompetence. It's about time they held their hands up and took those responsibilities seriously.

*Cllr Bill Esterson*
*Labour Group Spokesman*
*Children's and Adults Services*

## A point about schools

Recently the Labour group have suggested that Medway Council is proposing to close schools so that money can be used "in Tory heartland areas on pet Tory projects" – but yet they provide no evidence to support such a spurious accusation.

On the contrary, there is ample evidence that the Government's Primary Capital Programme for Medway, which the Labour group has so far opposed and attempted to undermine at every turn, proposes to impartially invest in schools which are in need of refurbishment. Many of these schools are in areas that are not represented by Conservative councillors.

I would have thought that Labour councillors in Twydall would have welcomed the £1.1 million that is being proposed to improve Twydall schools. I'm sure that the children and parents attending schools in Luton will celebrate plans to invest £6.9 million improving facilities there, even if their own Labour representatives feel differently. Perhaps the Liberals representing residents in Gillingham will join me in commending proposals for a new £3 million school at Barnsole and the improvements at Napier school.

Let's be clear, the Labour group in Medway are not interested in the well-being of children – instead they are intent on political point scoring. In comparison, the only concern for the Conservatives on Medway Council is the long-term interests of all our children in Medway. For me, every child in Medway matters, wherever they live.

*Cllr Les Wicks*
*Portfolio Holder for Children's Services*

## Ex-RAF join with us

A very successful inaugural Armed Forces Day was held at the Historic Dockyard Chatham; many veterans including some from the National Service (Royal Airforce) Association attended.

Any Men of Kent or Kentish Men who are ex-RAF and would like to meet up with like-minded people socially and for other more formal events from time to time are more than welcome to join us.

Originally set up for ex-National Servicemen, its popularity is such that now its doors have been opened to all ex-RAF/WAAF and WRAF personnel, National Service or Regular, who served in the ranks between 1939 and 1960.

There is a small membership fee of £8 per annum.

For more information on the association please contact Brian Hooper, 13 Douglas Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 1AN.

*Brian Hooper, Essex*

## £50k for award winner

I have teamed up with the leading disability charity, Leonard Cheshire Disability, to launch our third annual search for the winner of The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs '09.

The recipient will receive the award and a personal cheque for £50,000 at the Growing Business Awards, to be held in London on November 26, 2009.

I am passionate about encouraging an enterprising spirit and am calling on disabled entrepreneurs who run a business to submit an application. Applicants need to demonstrate exceptional entrepreneurial ability and state how the prize money of £50,000 would make a major difference to their business.

Those interested in applying can find out more information by visiting www.disabledentrepreneur.org. The deadline for applications is September 4, 2009.

*Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou*
*Leonard Cheshire Disability*
*London*

## Let's tackle Parkinson's

In 2007 my mother died with Parkinson's, a devastating neurological condition, for which there is no cure. The care she received from her local hospital and subsequently home carers was exemplary, and made dealing with the illness much more bearable for her. However, not everyone suffering with Parkinson's is lucky enough to get the same level of care as she did.

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence 'NICE' guideline on Parkinson's has been in place for over three years, yet on July 8 the All Party Parliamentary Group for Parkinson's disease released a report highlighting shocking variations in access to treatment and services across the country. This included limited information for patients, lack of respite for carers, and poor access to expert nursing and therapy, all underpinned by a failure to deliver a 'joined up' approach to care.

The problem won't go away. With an ageing population, the number of people with Parkinson's will inevitably rise. In the UK today there are approximately 120,000 people with Parkinson's – equal to the population of Norwich – affecting one in 100 of people over 65 and one in 50 of those over 80. Just how will this country, and ultimately the taxpayer, cope with the added cost of care?

It shocks me to realise that my mother was one of the lucky ones. We must ensure all people with Parkinson's, wherever they live, are given the 'Fair Care' they deserve.

To support the campaign and for more information visit www.parkinsons.org.uk/faircare.

*John Stapleton, by email*

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# Joint initiative gives criminals chance to gain vocational skills

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
jenna.pudelek@kosmedia.co.uk

A NEW project to improve the skills and aspirations of offenders serving community sentences has opened in the county.

The probation services hopes the project New Skills, New Lives, which is based at a dedicated learning centre in West Kent College, Tonbridge, will reduce re-offending across the county.

Sarah Billiald, Kent Probation's chief officer, said: "This project is a wonderful example of collaborative partnership working to reduce re-offending in Kent and Medway.

"The centre provides a much-needed and critical resource for Kent Probation with more than 50 per cent of offenders on our caseload having training or employment needs.

"Employability of offenders is a major contributory factor to reduce the likelihood of future offending, so the new centre will not only benefit offenders on their community orders, but also the wider communities in Kent."

Offenders are given the chance to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. They are also given vocational training through voluntary placements with local businesses.

The scheme was set up to encourage offenders, who often have had negative experiences of education and work, gain skills and employment.

## Expansion

Mainstream training providers often do not understand the needs of offenders, Kent Probation said.

Offenders also face difficulties accessing mainstream vocational training.

The scheme, which launched last month, is also open to people released from prison on a temporary licence.

Steve Hyland, operational director of New Skills, New Lives, said: "Opening our own training centre in Tonbridge is a big step forward and has been made possible by the strength of the partnership and its respective organisations.

"Summer 2009, will see further expansion of our delivery sites including the opening of a new delivery centre in Folkestone, servicing learners from across south Kent."

Offenders have been involved with the project from the beginning.

Labour costs for the new centre were kept to a minimum by using people on Community Payback sentences to paint and decorate the building ahead of the launch.

New Skills, New Lives is a partnership project between Kent Probation, Kent County Council, Kent Criminal Justice Board, the Prison Service and West Kent College.

The centre will be fully up and running by the end of this month when a range of courses including accounting, business administration, retail skills, beauty, health and social care, driving and engineering will be on offer.

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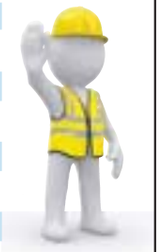

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# Smooth operator makes UK finals

A STUDENT from Kent has won a gold medal in plastering in the regional heats of the UK's biggest construction skills competition.

Jake Jones, who studies at South Kent College in Here Bay, was successful in the South East finals of this year's SkillBuild awards and goes through to the national finals in October.

He said: "It was a good day. I expected some competition, but I was trying my best to get enough points to get through to the finals."

The competition, which is organised by ContructionSkills, aims to find the best trainees across a variety of trades.

Gillian Cain, regional apprenticeship manager for the organiser, said: "SkillBuild is a fantastic opportunity to encourage and recognise excellence, as well as help develop the future talent of the industry. The high quality of work undertaken by these people it testament to their hard work, and that of their colleges and employers."

# Radio One star's words of wisdom

AN entertainment reporter for BBC Radio One has given a talk to young people who have been in care, as part of a summer school at a Kent university.

Gred McKenzie, who was in care as a teenager, now interviews popstars such a Paul McCartney, Kanye West and Jay-Z as part of his work, which also includes broadcasts for BBC Radio 1Xtra.

He said: "If you believe in yourself you can prove everyone wrong who doubts you can succeed. Find an area of work you are enthusiastic about and how best to get involved."

His audience was made up of young care leavers and looked-after children from Kent, Medway and London. They have been taking part in workshops on communication, negotiation and psychology skills at the University of Greenwich at Medway.

The young people also learnt about degree courses on offer at the university's schools of science and health and social care during the three-day course.

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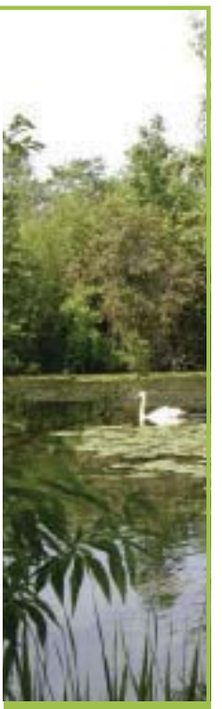
## Discover the environment at Kent Country Parks

**Kent Country Parks have more to offer this summer to entertain the children and help them understand the environment. We have installed three new play areas at parks across the county and a full events programme has been set up where children can discover more about the local wildlife.**

At **Shorne Woods**, **Lullingstone** and **Brockhill Country Parks**, new state-of-the-art play areas have been created for pre-schoolers to teenagers. They all feature unusual pieces of play equipment, for climbing, sliding and swinging that have been designed to challenge children and increase their confidence. All are constructed from sustainable resources.

Many of our parks also offer opportunities for children to get involved with the nature in the parks. This summer at Brockhill, Lullingstone and Shorne Woods Country Parks, we are running one-day holiday clubs, where children aged 8-13 years can join experienced staff to be rangers for the day, or learn skills to survive in the woodland. Young children aged 3-7 years can explore the great outdoors and discover nature in its natural environment. Craft and mini-beast sessions are also available, as are Summer Holiday Trails. At **Canterbury Environmental Education Centre** we are putting on themed days of games, crafts and outdoor discovery at the Mini-Buzz Club and Buzz Club.

There are 22 Country Parks across Kent that Kent County Council own or manage. All offer a great opportunity to enjoy safe access into the countryside. They are situated in some of the best nature habitats and spectacular landscapes that Kent has to offer, with woodlands and valleys, meadows and riverbanks. Many have catering, picnic areas and marked walks and offer everything for a perfect day out in these credit-crunch days.



## Forest Schools at Shorne Woods Country Park

**Education services have been extended at Shorne Woods Country Park with the opening of the innovative forest school.**

This unique environment offers children of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience the woodland. They can gain confidence and raise their self-worth through a series of achievable hands-on tasks, and the beautiful country park provides the perfect environment for it. Teachers have described the experience as 'inspirational, opinion-changing and challenging'.

So far this summer term, over 2,000 school children have visited Shorne Woods Country Park on educational visits. Students can witness the park's extraordinary diversity, see renewable energy technologies in action and explore the park's heritage.

We also have dedicated education teams at Lullingstone Country Park and Canterbury Environmental Education Centre. They each offer environmental education sessions all year round. The staff at the parks can help teachers plan and design a visit for their specific needs. Using the parks' resources, we can offer activities covering subjects such as Science, English, Geography and Citizenship.

**For further information about Country Parks visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent or call 08458 247 600**

Country Parks

Explore Kent

# Explore Kent and discover the idyllic countryside on your doorstep

**Why not get out and about this summer and enjoy the sunshine on a leisurely walk, taking in everything the beautiful Kent countryside has to offer?**

The charming town of **Edenbridge** at the heart of the Eden Valley in West Kent provides an ideal base for a relaxed 3 mile (4.8km) circular walk. Our route takes you on a journey through some of the most picturesque countryside and rich historic settings in the area.

Beginning in the Marlpitt Hill area, the route immediately takes you away from the hustle and bustle of the vibrant town of Edenbridge to the surrounding countryside; a welcome escape from everyday life.

Our route passes a restored moat that marks the spot where Broxham Manor stood in the 13th century. The manor was rebuilt and now stands opposite the moat, after twice being damaged in fires. As we continue on towards Broxham Wood, keep an eye out for the deer herd that have made one of the local fields their home.

Edenbridge was originally established at the Roman crossing point of one of the River Medway's key tributaries, the River Eden. The old part of the town was built along a section of the otherwise disused Roman road, the London to Lewes Way, at the point where it crossed the river. Iron slag from iron smelting in the surrounding area was used in building the road. In the Middle Ages, it became a centre of the Wealden iron industry.

A local legend claims that in the16th century two ladies of the parish complained about having difficulties reaching the church on the stepping stones across the river. Money was raised locally and a Great Stone Bridge Trust was formed to ensure a good river crossing for the town.

There are many medieval timber buildings in the town, one of which, originally a 14th century farmhouse, now houses the Eden Valley Museum. If you are in need of refreshment on your return to the village there is a great choice of cafes, restaurants and inns. Definitely worth a visit is Ye Old Crown Inn, another one of the town's notable ancient buildings that is hard to miss, with its rare pub sign bridging the High Street.

If you have time to spare at the end of the walk, there is a fascinating trail that can be followed highlighting many of the historic buildings around the town centre. To make the most of your visit why not plan it to coincide with a local event? Edenbridge holds a weekly Thursday market, a farmers' market on the third Saturday of the month, and in November one of the oldest bonfire celebrations in the country.

**This is one of over 60 circular walks in Kent on offer from Explore Kent. To discover more or to plan your own walk with our interactive map visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent**

Explore KENT

## Walk Summary

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|---|---|
| Location: | Edenbridge |
| Distance: | 3 miles (4.8km) |
| Time: | 2 hours |
| Explorer Map: | 147 |
| Terrain: | Field paths. Short woodland section |
| Stiles: | 10 |
| Gates: | 12 |
| Parking: | There is parking available in Edenbridge town centre and train station |
| Step Count: | approx 6,000 |

**For further information about walking, cycling, horse riding visit www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent or call 08458 247 600**

Explore Kent

Natural Environment

# Celebrate Kent's natural environment

**The Garden of England is a beautiful place with huge varieties of wildlife and habitats for everyone to see and enjoy. Wildlife spotting is not only limited to specific designated sites; there are some great places to see all kinds of species, if you keep your eyes peeled. You can spot wildlife in your town centre, along the side of roads, in parks, woodlands, hedges, roadside verges, gardens or grasslands.**

Volunteers carry out much of the wildlife recording in Kent, gathering the information in their own time. The records they collect are then submitted to The Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre, where it is added to their **species database**. This information is invaluable and can be used for a variety of reasons including the production of distribution maps, which show where in the county different species have been recorded.

Kent goes Wild!

For the last four years, Kent County Council has been involved in organising Kent Goes Wild, an event which encourages more people to become interested in wildlife recording and conservation. This year we are holding the event at **Mote Park, Maidstone on 26 and 27 September**. The county's wildlife recorders and local and national organisations will be there to answer any questions you may have. Children can also take part in junior recorders activities, and learn more about Kent's wildlife.

**For further information about Kent Goes Wild! call 01622 221468, email kent.goeswild@kent.gov.uk or visit www.kent.gov.uk/environment**

Heritage

# Explore Kent's past!

**The Exploring Kent's Past project will help increase access to heritage information in Kent. The Kent Historic Environment Record (HER), maintained by Kent County Council, is an extensive collection of information relating to Kent's heritage. At its heart is a database containing records on over 40,000 archaeological sites and finds, historic buildings and landscapes. Records cover sites dating from the palaeolithic period to the present day and include a wide range of monuments such as iron age hillforts, Roman villas, medieval castles and water mills, 20th century pillboxes and Cold War bunkers.**

In the past this information was only available from our offices at County Hall, but thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the **Kent Historic Environment Record database** is now available online at www.kent.gov.uk/HER. You can explore the heritage of your town or village, research a particular period or theme, or learn more about a site that is already known to you. The website also contains a range of suggestions for getting involved in Kent's heritage, for instance you could join a local archaeology society, carry out research or participate in the Shorne Woods Community Archaeology project. There are also **66 Days Out in the Past** for anyone who wants to visit some of Kent's outstanding heritage sites.

In addition to the new website, the Exploring Kent's Past project has allowed our team to meet a huge number of people, and work with a number of volunteers.

We are always keen to work with new volunteers or local societies to improve and add to our information and help conserve Kent's rich heritage.

**For further information about Exploring Kent's Past call 01622 696918 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/heritage**

# Recycle right to make a big difference with a small effort

**We know Kent residents are keen to recycle as they know their efforts make a big difference.**

Every year in Kent, over half a million households produce 750,000 tonnes of waste. In Kent, 2,000 tonnes of waste is picked up every day! Around 40% of this is now being recycled thanks to you, Kent's residents. At the same time, the amount of waste sent to landfill is falling dramatically. Last year we saw a decrease of 16% in Kent.

## Why recycle?

Recycling is great for the environment as it helps combat climate change, saves energy and reduces the need for raw materials. Less waste is buried in landfill sites, which is better for our environment. Valuable materials are used again and again which saves energy, reducing our carbon footprint. It also means that Kent's refuse and recycling service is one of the most sustainable in the country.

## Recycle right

It is important that you put the correct materials out for recycling, as placing the wrong items into the recycling containers can be hazardous to collection staff and could also spoil other materials in the load.

You can help avoid injuries to the recycling staff by ensuring that the following items are **not** placed into the recycling containers:

- Needles*
- Medicines*
- Syringes*
- Knives
- Scissors
- Tools
- Car parts
- Broken glass
- Food waste
- Garden waste
- Hoover bags
- Batteries
- Drink Cartons (such as Tetra Paks)
- Polystyrene
- Styrofoam
- Metals (other than food or drink cans)
- Garden implements
- Large plastic items
- Dead animals
- Bottle containing liquids
- Paints or solvents
- Chemicals or pesticides

If you have any sharp objects to be disposed of, you must wrap these in newspaper (or, better still, wrap them and put in a box) and place them safely in the refuse sacks for collection.

*Items such as syringes must be disposed of separately using your local district council's free Clinical Waste collection service.

Your district council may also operate a Bulky Items and Garden Waste collection service. For more information on either of these please call your local council or the number below. You can also recycle many of these items at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

**For more information about your local Household Waste Recycling Centre or to find out how to dispose of the items above and other hazardous items, call on 0845 345 0210 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/recycleforkent**

Recycle for Kent

Kent Highway Services

# Traffic Officers will keep Kent moving

**Kent Highway Services is committed to tackling the growing problems of congestion on Kent's roads, so a trial of new Traffic Officers is taking place. This is similar to the Highways Agency service you will already have seen on the county's motorways.**

Our primary objective is to 'Keep Kent Moving' and in doing so help make your journey as safe and as reliable as possible.

Where unforeseen incidents lead to additional congestion, our Traffic Officers will help by co-ordinating the resources of other highways services, liaising with the emergency services, managing the traffic and re-opening routes as soon as it is safe to do so.

You'll be able to identify these officers by the branded Kent Highway Services vehicles and high visibility uniform, clearly marking them as Traffic Officers.

In addition to this, two of these officers are carrying bicycles in their vehicles, providing them with the ability to work their way through congested traffic and then deal with the cause of the congestion. Kent Highway Services Traffic Officers have be trained by Kent Police and accredited with delegated Police powers to effectively manage traffic situations. They will be able to stop and direct traffic (both vehicles and pedestrians), close roads, set diversions and, where necessary, lawfully ask for an individual's name and address.

It will be an offence not to comply with directions given by a Kent Highway Services Traffic Officer, but we hope that Kent's road users will work with us, so everyone can keep moving.

# Voicemail saves lives - get the message just drive

**Drivers are being urged to switch their mobile phones to voicemail to avoid being distracted while driving.**

Government research clearly shows that a driver using a mobile phone has a slower response time than a driver not on the phone. Response times are also worse for a mobile phone user compared to someone at the drink-drive limit. And using a hands-free phone while driving also slows your response time to a greater level than someone at the drink-drive limit.

If you are using a phone while driving, the sting is a £60 fine and three penalty points. If you're a new driver, you could go back to being a learner if you accumulate six points in the first two years after passing your test – that's for just making a couple of mobile calls while driving, or one call and a speeding ticket.

Drivers can avoid the risks simply by using voicemail, it's much safer and avoids any dangerous distraction. Over 4,000 people in 2008 were issued with fixed penalty notices for using a mobile phone while driving. It's not just the driver who is at risk; under corporate manslaughter legislation brought in last year, employers can be prosecuted if employees are involved in a crash while making or receiving calls, even hands-free.

# Increased concern about overgrown hedges

**We're sure you've noticed how your grass and plants are growing very quickly at the moment, and overgrown hedges are becoming a common sight.**

Landowners have a duty of care and should check and maintain their hedges and trees on a yearly basis; if necessary have them inspected by a professional. Things you should look for are overhanging branches, vegetation obscuring road signs or affecting visibility at junctions and bends, or anything that narrows the width of the road or pavement. Maintaining these areas is essential to keep the road safe for all users, including pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

It is at this time of year you will notice the significant hedge growth, but don't be tempted to cut back your hedges until around October, when birds will have finished nesting and the rate of growth has slowed down.

Kent Highway Services Inspectors look out for potential danger caused by overhanging or overgrown vegetation, and will inform the landowner if there is an immediate safety issue that needs to be dealt with.

If you are planning on undertaking work next to the road, please keep yourself and others safe. Get advice about the appropriate time of year, the extent of work required and if you will need traffic signals or other temporary traffic arrangements.

# Road work road rage – simply unacceptable

**Our workforce faces real danger everyday, not because of the conditions on site or the equipment they use, but shockingly, from careless and unacceptable behaviour from some members of the public.**

It is hard to believe we have had to call the police and ambulance crews to work sites, and staff have ended up in hospital with physical injuries following violent 'road rage' attacks. This includes being punched and struck purposefully by vehicles. We are appealing to drivers to travel slowly and safely through road works taking notice of all signs. Just as importantly, drivers should never take their frustrations out on the workforce, verbally or physically. There have been 17 separate incidents, (33% of all incidents reported by workers) attributed to road rage. Like everyone, they have the right to do their job safely without the risk of attack.

The work we carry out is necessary to keep Kent's roads and pavements safe for all road users. We understand that road closures, diversions and temporary traffic lights can sometimes seem never ending and increase your journey times. To try and alleviate this we give advance warning about road closures and plan our road works to cause the least disruption; but sometimes there are emergencies that have to be dealt with immediately.

We do everything we can to keep the roads safe and our workers safe. Please help us to ensure the unacceptable behaviour of a few comes to an end.

# We want to hear from you

**At Kent Highway Services we carry out regular inspections of the roads and pavements across our county. We can't be everywhere all the time, which is why we need your help. If you spot a problem on the roads, you can tell us about it 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. So it's easy to report a fault - if you want to do it online, go to our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways, or if you would prefer to speak to someone call 08458 247 800. Our website also has lots of information about the maintenance we do and details of planned resurfacing works.**

When you contact us, it would help if you can give us as much information as possible about the problem and its location. The more details we receive the easier it is for us to assess the fault. Try to tell us a clear location including road name, town, postcode (if available) and a description of where on the road or pavement the fault can be found.

- If reporting an issue with a streetlight, please provide the column number which is on the side of every lamp post, just above head-height. Also tell us the house number that the light is outside or opposite, or a description of the location.
- If reporting a pothole, details of its location are very important for us to find it. Tell us the road name and the approximate size and location – if it's in the middle or edge of the road or how far from a junction.
- If reporting a problem with a tree, tell us if it's on a privately owned property (and provide the address of the tree owner if known) or if it is growing alongside the highway. The approximate thickness and length of a broken tree or branch is helpful too.

This year we have £15.8 million more than last year to spend on highway maintenance, including winter service, road repairs, drainage and streetlights. Maintaining the roads in Kent is important to us, in addition to keeping them in a good condition it helps keep them safe for all road users. Come to us first with details of faults. With your help, we can keep Kent moving!

**For further information about Kent Highways Services visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways or call 08458 247 800**

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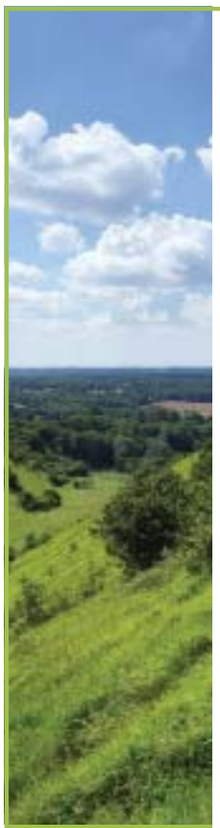

Sustainability and Climate Change

# Kent shows its green credentials

**Kent County Council has reached the highest standard of environmental performance - setting Kent businesses a good example.**

For the first time, the whole council has been awarded ISO 14001 – the international standard for environmental management. We understand that only two other counties – Suffolk and Warwickshire – have managed this.

Newly-elected KCC Chairman, John Davies, told KCC's full council meeting that organisations achieving this standard have demonstrated they are taking positive and continuous steps to reduce their environmental impact, become more resource efficient and prevent pollution.

Among our notable achievements, we have:

- Delivered £1.1million efficiency savings through projects funded by the energy and water investment fund.
- Installed 11 solar panels, four biomass boilers and one ground source heat pump in new and existing buildings over the last 18 months.
- Replaced all traffic light bulbs with light-emitting diodes, reducing energy use by 70% and making an estimated £2 million saving over the next six years.
- Recycled almost 90% of road materials and about 50% of materials from the County Hall offices.
- Saved 30% of energy through the Ramsgate Harbour Approach Road tunnel lighting project.

We now have more than 180 Green Guardians, staff volunteers who champion environmental best practice with their colleagues.

KCC Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, Nick Chard, said, "I take environmental issues seriously and particularly welcome initiatives that have an environmental benefit as well as reducing our costs."

KCC Chief Executive, Peter Gilroy, said, "This is a significant milestone, especially as we are the county's largest employer and the largest shire authority in the country. Our staff are trying hard to change the ways they work to be more environmentally-friendly. We are showing that going green can be cost-effective and efficient."

**For more information visit www.kent.gov.uk/business and www.kent.gov.uk/people or call 08458 247 247**

# Kent County Council - preparing for climate change

**KCC is working to ensure all the services that we deliver understand the impacts of climate change and make provisions to adapt as necessary.**

The UK Climate Projections 2009 were released on 18 June 2009.

These projections allow us to begin to quantify our changing climate and help us to make informed judgements on the risks that lie ahead.

We are facing some significant changes in the south east with a possible summer rise in temperature of up to +3.9°C with around 22% less summer rainfall and 22% more winter rainfall by 2080 if we maintain our current level of $CO_2$ emissions.

KCC has been preparing for climate change for some time and we have been developing, with partners, a comprehensive action plan for preparing for climate change across the county by 2010.

Actions will include:

- Developing a better understanding of local impacts from severe weather events and how this will affect local services, the economy and community.
- Ensuring our risk and emergency planning services are prepared and can respond appropriately.

In particular, Kent Highways Services have undertaken significant work including:

- A flood risk review.
- Identification of flooding hotspots.
- A review of existing drainage systems.
- Review of procedures for incident management (storms and gales).

**This supplement is produced as added value in connection with KCC's Traffic Regulation Order contract.**

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**MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individual in the following area:**

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We are looking for an individual to collect and enter data efficiently and assist with the running of the Management Information Services department. The successful candidate will have data entry and administrative experience. In addition, knowledge of current legislation regarding Data Protection and Equality and Diversity would be beneficial.

**Closing date: Friday 17 July 2009**

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**Closing date: 20 July 2009**

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### ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer Ref: P0653

**Salary: £18,433 - £23,640 per annum**

We are looking to recruit an organized and hard working individual to provide technical support to our ICT department. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge within this field and have an understanding of a learning environment. The ability to work with a range of software packages including PHP, HTML +CSS and Photoshop is essential.

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# MidKent College

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## Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality — Ref: P0544

**Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum**

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

## Lecturer in Biology — Ref: P0102

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata**
**18.5 hours per week**

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BtEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

## Lecturer in Sport — Ref: P0102

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum**

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

## Lecturer in Health Care — Ref: P0650

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata**
**18.5 hours per week**

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

## Lecturer in Performing Arts — Ref: P0651

**Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum**

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

## Departmental Administrator — Ref: P0245

**Salary: £12,795 £16,059 per annum/pro rata**
**Full time – Medway Campus**
**Part Time – Maidstone Campus**

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

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***Lecturer Public Services*** — ***09/36***
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

***Lecturer Performing Arts -Drama and Musical Theatre*** — ***09/37***
18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

***Lecturer Chemistry*** — ***06/182***
18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

***Lecturer Plumbing and Gas Fitting*** — ***09/39***
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum

***Higher Education Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:***

***Electrical/Electronic Engineering***
***Building Surveying - AutoCAD*** — ***S/HE***
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

***Supply Lecturer Nail Technology*** — ***S/NT***
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum

***Learning Support Independent Living and Leisure Skills*** — ***09/34***
30 hours per week, 38 weeks term time.
Salary starting at £16,914 pro rata per annum. One Year Fixed Term Post

***Trainer Demonstrator Theatre Costume and Props Construction*** — ***09/40***
18.5 hours per week, salary starting at £18,963 pro rata per annum

***Business Development Administrative Assistant*** — ***07/49***
37 hours per week, salary starting from £15,085 per annum

***Supply NVQ Assessors required in the following areas:***
Early Years — ***S/NVQ/EY***
Play work — ***S/NVQ/PW***
Nail Technology — ***S/NVQ/NT***
Various hours available, salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum

***Supply Trainer Demonstrator Beauty Therapy*** — ***S/TD/BT***
Various hours available, salary starting at £18,963 pro rata per annum

***Supply Recreation Assistants*** — ***S/RA***
Various hours available, salary starting at £15,085 pro rata per annum

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# MidKent College

**MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:**

## HR Adviser

**Salary - £29,559-£36,630**

MidKent College has been providing 'top quality' education and training in Kent for almost 100 years. As one of Kent's largest further and higher education Colleges it is important that we also provide 'top quality' support for our managers and staff in this innovative and exciting environment.

We are expanding our HR team to include professional, CIPD qualified HR Advisers, who will strengthen our provision of advice and guidance for managers and staff. We are looking to appoint experienced professionals who can support organisational change processes and have good knowledge of employment law, combined with strong generalist experience and knowledge in key areas of HR delivery. This will include employee relations, performance management, recruitment, workforce planning and organisational development.

Our strong customer service focus requires excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to engage with people at all levels of the organisation, working to drive, develop and implement new HR policies and initiatives that support the delivery of 'top quality' education and training.

For an application pack please contact Caroline Stark on 01634 884511 or e mail caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk

**Closing date: Mid-day July 15th 2009**

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## Youth Worker

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This post is also open as a trainee position for the right applicant. Training will be provided through the YMCA George Williams College Foundation Studies Programme. Ref: KOS05

## Pastoral Tutor

£20,352 - £24,060
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We need you to plan and deliver a full programme of student tutorials - including functional skills, personal effectiveness and Every Child Matters themes - on a group and individual basis. Experience of working with learners aged 14 to 19 is a must, along with a good knowledge of the Every Child Matters agenda.

The successful applicant should be qualified to teach in the FE sector or be willing to work towards qualification. As part of our CPD strategy, teacher training will be provided through the College's Education Programme. Ref: KOS06

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**Closing date: Thursday 16th July 2009**

## St Simon Stock Catholic School

Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 0JP

**SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATOR**
Kent Scheme Band 3

We are looking for a reliable and hardworking individual, with skills in basic IT applications, including Microsoft Word and Excel. Primary roles will be to support teachers in their use of software applications and work as an assistant to our Data Manager. The successful candidate will need to use initiative, work as part of a friendly team, and learn quickly when given training in the use of new software applications.

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Kent Scheme Band 3

We are looking for a reliable and hardworking person, who is well-organised, and enjoys supporting students in their learning and life skills. The successful applicant will work as part of a supportive and friendly team and full training will be given. Main roles will be supervising classes when teachers are absent, ensuring work set is covered, giving individual guidance and support to students about careers pathways and supporting the management and administration of 14-19 work-related learning, including links with external college courses.

Hours of employment for both posts will be 35 hours per week, start and finish times negotiable. The position is term time only plus 5 extra days. Salary will be on the Kent Scheme Salaries Band 3 depending on experience, pro rata.

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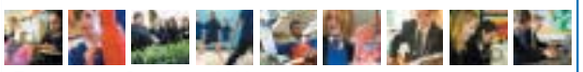

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**Further details and application forms are available on our website www.spiresacademy.com Alternatively, contact Marion Wigington on 01227 710392 or email on m.wigington@spiresacademy.com to request an application pack.**

**Closing date: noon, Wednesday 8th July 2009.**
**Interview date: Wednesday 15th July 2009.**

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### Part-time Receptionist/ Admin Support

**Medway**
**Salary:** £12,629-£13,703 pa, pro rata
**Closing Date:** 10 July 2009
Riverside Primary School St Edmund's Way Rainham Kent Salary £12,629-£13,703 pa, pro rata FTE. 15hrs/week 8.45am to 11.45am Mon-Fri Term time only Initially from 1st September 2009, 3 month temporary contract to be reviewed depending on opening of new children's centre. Any offers of appointment are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Contact Mrs Smith, Office Manager, tel 01634 338700 or email office@riverside.medway.sch.uk for an application form and job specification. CVs will not be accepted. Interviews on: 20 July 2009.
**To apply/more information:**
Riverside Primary School
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01634 338700
Email
office@riverside.medway.sch.uk

### Management Information Services Data Administrator

**Ashford**
**Salary:** £10,181 - £17,750 per annum
**Closing Date:** Friday 17 July 2009
**Salary:** £10,181 - £17,750 per annum We are looking for an individual to collect and enter data efficiently and assist with the running of the Management Information Services department. The successful candidate will have data entry and administrative experience. In addition, knowledge of current legislation regarding Data Protection and Equality and Diversity would be beneficial. Closing date: Friday 17 July 2009 For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 884402. The College is committed to safeguarding children and young people therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer
**To apply/more information:**
Mid Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** P0652
Tel: 01634 884402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

### Administrative Assistants

**Faversham**
**Salary:** £16,663 - £18,937 PRO RATA
**Closing Date:** Friday 17 July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
KCA (UK)
**Quoting Job Ref:** 581 (permanent) or 582 (maternity cover).
Tel: 01795 590635
Email email
recruitment@kca.org.uk

### RECEPTION and ADMIN ASSISTANT

**Folkestone**
**Salary:** £12k
**Closing Date:** 12noon Friday 31st July 2009
We are also seeking a RECEPTION & ADMIN ASSISTANT c. £12k, full-time, Folkestone. Full details of both positions and application process at: www.screensouth.org For an informal conversation please contact our retained consultant at Year One Consulting on 01303 256 240. We welcome applicants from all sectors of the community.
**To apply/more information:**
Screen South
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01303 256 240
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### COVER SUPERVISOR / WORK RELATED LEARNING OFFICER

**Maidstone**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** 13th July 2009
Kent Scheme Band 3 We are looking for a reliable and hardworking person, who is well-organised, and enjoys supporting students in their learning and life skills. The successful applicant will work as part of a supportive and friendly team and full training will be given. Main roles will be supervising classes when teachers are absent, ensuring work set is covered, giving individual guidance and support to students about careers pathways and supporting the management and administration of 14-19 work-related learning, including links with external college courses. Hours of employment for both posts will be 35 hours per week, start and finish times negotiable. The position is term time only plus 5 extra days. Salary will be on the Kent Scheme Salaries Band 3 depending on experience, pro rata. Further details and application form from the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Cindy Theisen on 01622 689422 or email theisenc@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk. Full details of the post are available on our web site www.st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk. Interviews will take place Wednesday 15th July 2009.
**To apply/more information:**
St Simon Stock Catholic School
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01622 689422
Email theisenc@
st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk

## Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

### BE A 'PROPERTY PROFESSIONAL'

**Kent**
**Salary:** £50 to £1,200 per Assessment
**To apply/more information:**
Martin Tait Redheads
**Quoting Job Ref:** HK0280
Tel: 020 8335 1700
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

## Catering, Hospitality

### EXPERIENCED BAR/WAITSTAFF AND CHEFS

**Thanet**
**Salary:** TBA
EXPERIENCED WAITSTAFF AND CHEFS For the best restaurant in Thanet. Hard working, dedicated, experienced applicants only need apply. Please contact: Harriet on 01843 851515 Or email: harrietleigh@gmail.com
**To apply/more information:**
Age & Sons
**Quoting Job Ref:** KOS
Tel: 01843 851515
Email harrietleigh@gmail.com

### Chef

**Canterbury**
**Salary:** TBA
required to join team in busy town centre hotel in Canterbury. For further information, Please call Mr Otterson Tel: 01227 464427.
**To apply/more information:**
Chaucer Hotel
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01227 464427
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Chef

**Edenbridge**
**Salary:** TBA
CHEFS required for permanent weekend positions (either one or two days) at luxury independent living retirement developments in Edenbridge and Tonbridge. The role involves delivery of a high quality 3 course lunch using fresh ingredients. Experience essential. For an application pack please call: 01425 632431 or e-mail: pcsrecruitment@peverel.co.uk
**To apply/more information:**
Peverel Group Head Office
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01425 632431
Email
pcsrecruitment@peverel.co.uk

## Child Care

### Deputy Manager

**Thanet**
**Salary:** Circa 18,500k to 19,500k pa
Salary Range DEPUTY - Circa 18,500k to 19,500k pa plus increments WE are an established and developing therapeutic Residential Children's Home in East Kent. WE are looking for colleagues who can grow and learn with us to provide exceptional quality care for children and young people. WE are looking to increase our provision YOU want to be a committed Residential Social Care Professional able to deal constructively with challenges set by children and young people between the ages of 8 - 18 in a care home setting. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPUTIES: NVQ 3 or equivalent, NVQ4 or competent to work towards. CONTACT Manager Lyn Gibbs on 01227 369089 For further information and application details. Email info@benecareltd.co.uk www.benecareltd.co.uk
**To apply/more information:**
Bene Care
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01227 369089
Email info@benecareltd.co.uk

## Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

### ESTIMATOR/SURVEYOR

**Hythe**
**Salary:** See below
Owing to a retirement an opportunity exists for a highly motivated person to join a long established building company carrying out contracts up to the value of £1,000,000. Applicants must demonstrate a good working knowledge of the industry, be able to work to deadlines and have good communication skills. A permanent position is available for the successful applicant. Apply in writing enclosing CV and references.
**To apply/more information:**
Charlier Construction
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01303 268211
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### CARPENTER

**Hythe**
**Salary:** TBA
As a result of an increase in our workload, a Carpenter is required for our building department. Applicants must be apprenticed trained and have A sound knowledge of their trade. Apply in writing enclosing CV and references.
**To apply/more information:**
Charlier Construction
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01303 268211
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Labourer

**Tunbridge Wells**
**Salary:** TBA
Labourer required in Tunbridge Wells area, Minimum age 25years + must have clean driving license and CSCS card. Please call 01480 474400 for more information.
**To apply/more information:**
Pembury Group
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01480 474400
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

## Customer Service, Call Centre

### SALES AGENTS and CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENTS

**Folkestone**
**Salary:** See Below
**Closing Date:** 24 July 2009
SALES AGENTS • OTE UP TO £15K CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENTS • OTE UP TO £14K Basic salary + uncapped commission for both roles plus excellent benefits Former Eurotunnel building in Cheriton, Folkestone, 20 minutes from Ashford Looking to build a more exciting future? It's time you got to know Direct Choice. Part of the same group as Saga and The AA, we're brand new in the area. Which means lots of great career opportunities for friendly and helpful people like you. There's full training and ongoing support, so you don't need experience. What matters is that you've got excellent communication skills - and you believe that the customer comes first every time. The next step? Call 01303 774888 for an application form and post to Kerry Harrison, HR Officer, Direct Choice, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE. Alternatively, email your CV to recruitment@directchoice.co.uk Please quote reference: DC316/KOS. www.directchoice.com
**To apply/more information:**
Saga
**Quoting Job Ref:** DC316/KOS
Tel: 01303 774888
Email
recruitment@directchoice.co.uk

## Domestic

### Caretaker

**Medway**
**Salary:** £14,891-£18,937 pa
**Closing Date:** 10 July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
Riverside Primary School
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01634 338700
Email
office@riverside.medway.sch.uk

## Education, Teacher, School

### Teaching Assistant

**Aylesford**
**Salary:** Kent Scheme 3
**Closing Date:** 10th July 2009
Kent Scheme 3 - £14099 - £15984 pa (which equates to £10213 - £11578 pro rata) 32.5 hours per week - 38 week per year Aylesford School – Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- • A brand new school. • Outstanding new facilities in all areas. • A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. • A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. • A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- • Can motivate students through the curriculum. • Has the desire to make the difference. • Is focussed on developing their career further. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk . These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check via the Criminal Records Bureau.
**To apply/more information:**
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

### Laboratory Technician

**Thanet**
**Salary:** £13,959 - £15,826 pro-rata
**Closing Date:** Thursday 9rd July 2009
37 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme 3, Points 7-11 (£13,959 - - £15,826 pro-rata). The successful candidate will join a hardworking, friendly Science team working within the College. Previous school experience would be an advantage, although not necessary as full training will be provided. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, can work using their own initiative and who enjoys working as part of a team. The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious technician work room. Please apply for an application pack via email to: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or in writing at the above address to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher. Interviews to be held Tuesday 14th July 2009 Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a CRB enhanced disclosure check.
**To apply/more information:**
Ursuline College
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Email info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

### Apprentices

**Medway**
**Salary:** £6,171
MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding apprentices in the following areas: Customer Service, Administration Plumbing, Carpentry/Joinery Hairdressing, Painting and Decorating Training allowance: £6,171. Successful candidates will work towards the apprentice framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from learning whilst working in a stimulating environment. All apprentice roles are to start 1 September 2009. Interviews are scheduled to take place the week beginning 20 July 2009. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the

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Tel: 01634 884402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

### Learning Support Assistants in AEN and Science

**Canterbury**
**Salary:** £14,169 - £16,064 pro rata
**Closing Date:** noon, Wednesday 8th July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
Spires Academy
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01227 710392
Email
m.wigington@spiresacademy.com

### Visiting Lecturer Public Services

**Tonbridge**
**Salary:** £20.90 - £28.10 per hour
**Closing Date:** Thursday 16th July 2009
Variable Hours £20.90 - £28.10 an hour + holiday pay Train tomorrow's uniformed public servants You ideally have a background in the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Service or a similar area. You probably have experience of leading outdoor pursuits and sports too. Then bring your skills to this brand new role - and co-ordinate outdoor activities and physical fitness programmes across a range of Public Services courses. We are looking for an inspirational individual who can really motivate our students to discover how much they can achieve individually and as a group. So as well as teaching, you will look for ways to develop our course offering to make it ever more exciting and relevant. Experience in a Further Education setting would be ideal, though it is not essential. Ref: KOS04 To find out more, view our full list of opportunities and apply online, visit www.wkc.ac.uk Alternatively call 01732 376511 or email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk Closing date: Thursday 16th July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
West Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** KOS04
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

### 2 x Part-Time Dyslexiaand Specific Needs Tutor

**Tonbridge**
**Salary:** £11,763 - £16,172
**Closing Date:** Thursday 16th July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
West Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** KOS03
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

### Application Consultant

**Ashford**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** Friday 24th July 2009
Delivering training and application consultancy for our market leading product range to our nationwide customers, the successful candidate will have experience of a customer focused environment and excel working in a team based role. You should be able to demonstrate experience in all or some of the following areas; • Delivering end-user training in 1:1 or small classroom environments • An understanding of relational databases and ability to write SQL queries • An understanding of Microsoft Reporting Services would also be an advantage For those candidates that can evidence the right aptitude but do not yet have all the necessary levels of experience, in-house training will be provided. The role requires extensive travel throughout the UK and Eire, therefore candidates must hold a full UK driving licence. Salary: An attractive salary package is on offer, including a company car or car allowance Other Benefits: 5% pension contribution and 25 days annual leave For either role, please send your CV including covering letter to our HR department at the address on the left or by e-mail to: recruitment@adastra.com
**To apply/more information:**
Adastra Software Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Email recruitment@adastra.com

### Youth Worker

**Tonbridge**
**Salary:** £20,323 - £24,060
**Closing Date:** 12 noon on Thursday 23rd July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
West Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** KOS05
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

## HR, Recruitment

### HR Adviser

**Medway**
**Salary:** £29,559-£36,630
**Closing Date:** Mid-day July 15th 2009
**To apply/more information:**
Mid Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01634 884511
Email
caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk

## Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

### Assembly/Fabricator

**Sevenoaks**
**Salary:** TBA
We are a laboratory instrument manufacturer Based in Sevenoaks We have a vacancy for a Self-motivated and practical person To fill a position for a workshop engineer. Applicants should have basic Electro-mechanical knowledge and practical bench skills. Full training will be given. Salary negotiable. To apply, please ring 01732 743901.
**To apply/more information:**
LMS Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01732 743901
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

## Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

### Service Desk Technician

**Ashford**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** Friday 24th July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
Adastra Software Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Email recruitment@adastra.com

### ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer

**Medway**
**Salary:** £18,433 - £23,640 per annum
**Closing Date:** Friday 24 July 2009
We are looking to recruit an organized and hard working individual to provide technical support to our ICT department. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge within this field and have an understanding of a learning environment. The ability to work with a range of software packages including PHP, HTML +CSS and Photoshop is essential. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@ midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.
**To apply/more information:**
Mid Kent College
**Quoting Job Ref:** P0653
Tel: 01634 884402
Email
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

### SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATOR

**Maidstone**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** 13th July 2009
Kent Scheme Band 3 We are looking for a reliable and hardworking individual, with skills in basic IT applications, including Microsoft Word and Excel. Primary roles will be to support teachers in their use of software applications and work as an assistant to our Data Manager. The successful candidate will need to use initiative, work as part of a friendly team, and learn quickly when given training in the use of new software applications. Further details and application form from the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Cindy Theisen on 01622 689422 or email theisenc@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk. Full details of the post are available on our web site www.st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk. Interviews will take place Wednesday 15th July 2009.
**To apply/more information:**
St Simon Stock Catholic School
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## Management, Senior Positions

### Business and Operations Manager

**Folkestone**
**Salary:** £25-£27k
**Closing Date:** 12noon Friday 31st July 2009
£25-£27k depending on experience. Full-time, Folkestone We seek someone with great financial and business acumen who knows numbers and understands people to give our CEO the operational support to ensure Screen South continues to deliver the value for money and joined up thinking that makes it possible to support film and media throughout the South East. You will need significant experience in budget, office & people management, and of monitoring/reporting procedures, with a hands-on and flexible approach to working within a small but very busy team. Full details of both positions and application process at: www.screensouth.org For an informal conversation please contact our retained consultant at Year One Consulting on 01303 256 240. Business & Operations Manager interviews: Thursday 6th August 2009 We welcome applicants from all sectors of the community.
**To apply/more information:**
Screen South
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01303 256 240
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

## Marketing, Advertising

### Catalogue Distributors

**Kent**
**Salary:** £50-£300 per Week
Catalogue Distributors Required £50-£300 per Week Fexi Hours, Part or Full Time, 18+ Tel: 01622 808655 www.reach4gold.co.uk
**To apply/more information:**
Goldchasers
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01622 808655
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

## Not for profit, Charities

### Operations Manager

**Kent**
**Salary:** £38,463 - £41,083
**Closing Date:** 31/07/09
**To apply/more information:**
Lynda Salisbury
East Kent Mencap
**Quoting Job Ref:** OPM0001
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Lynda.Salisbury@
eastkentmencap.co.uk

### Team Leader - Housing Services

**Thanet**
**Salary:** £17421.40 - £22937.31
**Closing Date:** 24/07/09
**To apply/more information:**
Lynda Salisbury
East Kent Mencap
**Quoting Job Ref:** HSL0001
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Lynda.Salisbury@
eastkentmencap.co.uk

## Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

### Registered Nurse

**Herne Bay**
**Salary:** £10.75 per hour to £17.04 per hour
**Closing Date:** 13th July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
Strode Park Foundation
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01227 373292
Email
recruitment@strodepark.org.uk

### Bank Staff

**Herne Bay**
**Salary:** £6.17 per hour to £6.83 per hour
**Closing Date:** 13th July 2009
Strode Park Foundation has a new opportunity for Bank staff to offer care and support to people with physical disabilities. Great opportunity to work when you want! We offer a variety of shifts to suit your needs. Rates of pay from £6.17 per hour to £6.83 per hour Interested! Then visit our website www.strodepark.org.uk for more details or alternatively email: Sandra.Wiltshire@strodepark.org.uk
**To apply/more information:**
Strode Park Foundation
**Quoting Job Ref:** KOS
Email Sandra.Wiltshire@
strodepark.org.uk

### YOUNG CARERS SUPPORT OFFICER(S)

**Sheerness**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** 10am 10th July
Due to forthcoming Maternity Cover(s), Swale Carers Centre is looking to appoint 1 x full time and 1 x part time Young Carers Support Officers, with effect August 2009 - May 2010. There is likely to be the potential for 'Job Share' opportunities following this period, details to be agreed. Salary: £18,250 pro-rata. Hours: Full-time 37 hours per week / Part-time 10 hours per week - to include evening and occasional weekend working to suit the needs of the service Entitlements: Essential Car Users Allowance, Pension Contribution, 25 days Annual Leave (pro-rata). For further information and an information pack, please contact Sandie Hornby our Chief Operations Officer on 01795 583440 or sandie.hornby@swalecarers.org.uk Completed application forms to be received not later than 10am 10th July, interviews will be held 17th July at Swale Carers Centre.
**To apply/more information:**
Swale Carers Centre
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01795 583440
Email
sandie.hornby@swalecarers.org.uk

### Form F assessors

**Herne Bay**
**Salary:** TBA
Form F assessors required for a new and dynamic fostering agency based in Herne Bay. We are looking for Qualified Social Workers preferably with Fostering experience, afriendly disposition and very good communication skills, to join our caring and professional team. Please Contact Kathryn Davenport on 07753 – 787391 for further information. kd@bencarefostering.co.uk In addition *REGULATION 33 ( STANDARD 32 ) INSPECTOR ALSO REQUIRED TO MONITOR QUALITY ASSURANCE WITHIN OUR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES Contact Steve Richmond Director Benecare Ltd on 07710 145 802 or 01892 740886
**To apply/more information:**
Bene Care
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01892 740886
Email kd@bencarefostering.co.uk

### Residential Support Workers - Childcare

**Thanet**
**Salary:** TBA
**To apply/more information:**
Bene Care
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01227 369089
Email info@benecareltd.co.uk

### SENIOR SUPPORT WORKER

**Sheerness**
**Salary:** TBA
Required at Alma Lodge, Sheerness 35 hours per week Does include weekends on a rota basis Looking after adults with learning disabilities Please call Christine or June - between 9:30am & 3:00pm (mon-fri) for more details. Tel: 01795 669824
**To apply/more information:**
Alma Lodge
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01795 669824
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### PART-TIME DISPENSER

**Medway**
**Salary:** TBA
**Closing Date:** 19 June 2009

**To apply/more information:**
St Werburgh Medical Practice
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01634 250523
Email Julie.allen@nhs.net

### Day Support - Domiciliary Care Support Worker

**Dartford**
**Salary:** £15,291-£16,278
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 22 July 2009
DGSM yourChoice is a registered local charity established to support people with learning disabilities. We are developing two new exciting independent living projects for adults with learning disabilities in Maidstone and East Malling. Would you like to be part of a flexible team supporting people to live a normal life? We have exciting staffing opportunities in the following areas: ? Day Support - Domiciliary Care Support Worker - £15,291-£16,278 (pro-rata to hours worked) Car drivers preferred ? Waking Nights - Waking Night Support Worker - £16,991-£18,937 (pro-rata) ? Sleep-ins - £26.72 (per night). For further details and an application pack please contact us on 01322 281833 or email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk. For more information on DGSM yourChoice visit www.dgsmyourchoice.org.uk
**To apply/more information:**
DGS Mencap Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01322 281833
Email
info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk

### Waking Nights - Waking Night Support Worker

**Dartford**
**Salary:** £16,991-£18,937 (pro-rata)
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 22 July 2009
**To apply/more information:**
DGS Mencap Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01322 281833
Email
info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk

### Sleep-ins

**Dartford**
**Salary:** £26.72 (per night)
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 22 July 2009
DGSM yourChoice is a registered local charity established to support people with learning disabilities. We are developing two new exciting independent living projects for adults with learning disabilities in Maidstone and East Malling. Would you like to be part of a flexible team supporting people to live a normal life? We have exciting staffing opportunities in the following areas: ? Day Support - Domiciliary Care Support Worker - £15,291-£16,278 (pro-rata to hours worked) Car drivers preferred ? Waking Nights - Waking Night Support Worker - £16,991-£18,937 (pro-rata) ? Sleep-ins - £26.72 (per night) Closing Date: Wednesday 22 July 2009 For further details and an application pack please contact us on 01322 281833 or email info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk. For more information on DGSM yourChoice visit www.dgsmyourchoice.org.uk
**To apply/more information:**
DGS Mencap Ltd
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01322 281833
Email
info@dgsmyourchoice.org.uk

## Retail, Wholesale, Sales

### Freelance Beauty/ Colour Consultants

**Faversham**
**Salary:** TBA
**To apply/more information:**
Take Action
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 07818066594
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

### Car sales professional

**Tonbridge**
**Salary:** TBA
Car sales professional required to join the successful team at Harwoods Land Rover, Tonbridge. You should already be in a similar role and be able to work on your own initiative, creating leads, managing and maintaining client relations and effectively delivering a pro-active performance whilst delivering exceptional customer service. The successful candidate must have excellent communication skills, a mature outlook and have the determination to succeed. You must be of smart appearance and be highly motivated with the ability to work under pressure and with a proven track record in car sales. For an immediate interview please call Greg Wilcox on 01732 353 637 or email your cv to gwilcox@harwoods.uk.com
**To apply/more information:**
Harwoods of Edenbridge
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos
Tel: 01732 353 637
Email gwilcox@harwoods.uk.com

## Transport, Logistics, Aviation

### LGV Dray Drivers

**Dartford**
**Salary:** £8.50/hr - £9.50/hr
LGV C+E (HGV Class 1) and LGV C (HGV Class 2) drivers required to undertake deliveries of barrels, kegs and crates to licenced establishments throughout Kent, Sussex, Essex and London. Drivers will be accompanied by a drivers mate, who will assist with map reading, and the loading and unloading of goods. Hours of work are Monday to Friday and occasional weekends/bank holidays. Start times around 0500. LGV C+E : £9.50/hr, LGV C : £8.50/hr, guaranteed 10hrs per day Rates quoted are for PAYE. Limited Company drivers welcome.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS**

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/01216/AT & TM/09/01217/LB – Station Building 2 Station Road Aylesford Kent ME20 7JW – Mr Modu Miah is applying for retention of the advertisement. Reason: LB

TM/09/01590/FL – 58 The Rocks Road East Malling West Malling Kent ME19 6AU – Ms Mandy Rees is applying for garage conversion and alterations to openings in front and rear elevations. Reason: CA HH

TM/09/01613/FL – Cornerways The Green Offham West Malling ME19 5NN – Mr Peter Brennan is applying for single storey rear conservatory . Reason: CA HH

TM/09/01291/FL – Rear Of 63 High Street East Malling West Malling Kent ME19 6AJ – JK Controls Ltd are applying for demolition of garages and construction of two storey extension to existing barn to provide office space. Reason: CA

TM/09/01337/FL – 49 Butchers Lane Mereworth Maidstone Kent ME18 5QA – Mr And Mrs Austen Ramsay Hayward are applying for replacement detached dwelling and new garaging for no. 49 and 51 Butchers Lane and enlarging the existing residential curtilage of no. 49 Butchers Lane. Reason: DEPART

TM/09/01610/FL – St Margarets Church Park Road Addington West Malling Kent ME19 5BQ – Addington Parochial Church Council are applying for single storey side extension. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/01538/FL – Dianella North Meadow Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NU – Mr + Mrs G Goodwin are applying for erection of four bedroom dwelling house to north of Dianella. Reason: LB

TM/09/01347/FL – Spadework Ltd Teston Road Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NA – Mr Norman Davidson is applying for erection of two single storey buildings for purposes of pottery making and associated storage. Reason: DEPART

TM/09/01358/LB – The Angel Inn Addington Green Addington West Malling Kent ME19 5BB – Mr Graham Bayfield is applying for Listed Building Application: Replacement of rotten opening casements. Replacement of 1no door and 1no weatherboard. Internal plaster repairs. Repairs and works to bottle store. Installation of fire alarm and emergency lighting. Reason: LB CA

TM/09/01045/FL – 1 Manor Cottages Teston Road Offham West Malling Kent ME19 5NF – Mr R Erangey is applying for ground floor extension to rear and replacement garage. Reason: CA HH

TM/09/00381/FL – 7 - 9 High Street Aylesford Kent ME20 7AY – Mr P Smith is applying for change of use of first floor accommodation to restaurant and pre-drinks area - temporary permission already approved under TM/06/02612/FL. Reason: LB CA

**Reasons for the case being publicised:**

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting

CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area

DEPART Application does not accord with the Development Plan

HH Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 2 August 2009.

David Hughes
Chief Executive
12 July 2009

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Highways - District of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(FOOTPATH AND CYCLE PATH, HENWOOD, ASHFORD) (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of a water mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting pedestrians and cyclists on a Footpath and Cycle Path at Henwood, Ashford, between the western end of the western spur of Henwood to the junction with National Cycle Route 18, on or after 27 July 2009, for an estimated period of 5 months or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists will be via Henwood and the National Cycle Route 18 which runs parallel to Henwood.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(HARVEY ROAD AND EARLS AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Harvey Road and Earls Avenue, Ashford, on or after 13 July 2009, for an estimated period of three weeks or until the works are complete. The Harvey Road closure is between the junction with Foxglove Road and House Field. Earls Avenue is closed at the junction with Harvey Road.

The alternative route for through traffic on Harvey Road will be via Foxglove Road, Hythe Road and Sprotlands Avenue. There is no diversion for Earls Avenue but access will maintained whenever safe to do so.

## Highways - District of Canterbury

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(OLD DOVER ROAD, CANTERBURY)(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)TEMPORARY ORDER 2009THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Installation of a Puffin Crossing and associated surfacing and lining works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

**PHASE 1**

27 July for 3 nights or until the works are completed.

**PHASE 2**

15 August for 2 nights and subsequent dates until the works are completed.

| Specified Road | Length of road affected | Alternative routes |
|---|---|---|
| Old Dover Road | From the roundabout with Upper Bridge Street for approximately 150m in a southerly direction. | St. Georges Place, Upper Bridge Street and Old Dover Road and Oaten Hill |

The Kent County Council (Prohibition of Right Turn) (Oaten Hill, Canterbury) (Traffic Regulation) Order 2001 will be temporarily suspended for the duration of this Order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(ST RADIGUNDS STREET, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because the installation of new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Radigunds Street between Northgate and Duck Lane on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until the works are complete.

| Specified Road | Length of road affected | Alternative routes |
|---|---|---|
| St Radigunds Street | Between Northgate and Duck Lane | The alternative route for through traffic will be via Northgate, Kingsmead Road, St. Stephens Road, The Causeway and St Radigunds Street |
| St Radigunds Street | Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Duck Lane and Knotts Lane to make two way | N/A |

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BROOMFIELD ROAD, HERNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the works required to connect a new foul sewer, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broomfield Road, Herne from it's junction with Hawe Farm Way to the junction of Gorse Lane on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Gorse Lane, Hunters Forstal Road and Hawe Farm Way

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(REED AVENUE, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Reed Avenue, Canterbury from Sturry Road to Tennyson Avenue on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of eight weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Reed Avenue, South Street and Sturry Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 27 July 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

## Highways - Borough of Dartford

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 27th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of water mains and service replacement.

**SCHEDULE 1**

| Road Name | Extent | Dates | Diversion |
|---|---|---|---|
| Highfield Road, Dartford | From outside number 31 to outside number 53 | 27th July 2009 for 2 weeks | Heath Street, Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road. |
| Priory Road (north) Dartford | From outside number 34 to outside number 115 at the junction of Burnham Road and Victoria Road | 27th July 2009 for 4 weeks | Burnham Road, Lawson Road, Priory Road (north) |

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(MARSH STREET NORTH, DARTFORD) (WIDTH RESTRICTION) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to 3, 3(2) and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will prohibit any vehicle the width of which, inclusive of any load on the vehicle, exceeds 6 feet 6 inches to proceed on the following length of road, subject to exemptions for emergency services, maintenance, agricultural vehicles etc. and statutory undertakers carrying out work on the affected length of the road. Any vehicle authorised by the Highway Authority will also be exempt from the proposed Order.

| Name of road | Length of road affected |
|---|---|
| Marsh Street North, Dartford | From a point 126 metres north of the mid point of the junction with Brunel Way to a point 157 metres north of the mid point of the junction with Brunel Way. |

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at of Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR and at Invicta House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, Double Day House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford. ME20 7BU or by email to Juliancook@kent.gov.uk noon on Monday 27 July 2009.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 10) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to;

1. introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places on the following roads or lengths of road-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Princes Road | Humber Road | The Chennies |
| Dartford Road A266 | Priory Road | Birchwood Drive |
| Crayford Road A207 | Sundridge Close | Curates Walk |
| North Road | Bayly Road, Bean | Church Hill |
| Waltham Close | Southfleet Road, Bean | |

2. reduce the lengths of no waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on Barn End Lane

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at of Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR and at Invicta House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, Double Day House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford. ME20 7BU by noon on Monday 3 August 2009.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**ROMAN VILLA ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is held on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Roman Villa Road between Rabbits Farm Road to Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 13th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the event will take place on 19th July 2009 and last for three hours commencing 9am. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Roman Villa Road, Rabbits Farm Road, Shrubbery Road, Green Street Green Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a running race on the carriageway.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (PRE PATCHING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 13h July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate pre patching and ditching in preparation for surface dressing.

**SCHEDULE 1**

| Road Name | Extent | Dates | Diversion Route |
|---|---|---|---|
| Betsham Road, Southfleet | Westwood Road to Highcross Road | 31st August 2009 for 2 weeks | Station Road, Dale Road, Hook Green Road, Highcross Road |
| Sandbanks Hill, Southfleet | Green Street Green Road to Highcross Road | 13th July 2009 for 2 weeks | Green Street Green Road, Whitehill Road, Highcross Road |
| Highcross Road, Southfleet | Whitehill Road to Betsham Road | 10th August 2009 for 3 weeks | Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road, Sandbanks Hill |

## Highways - District of Dover

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(QUEENS GARDENS, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical mains works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Queens Gardens, Dover from the junction with Worthington Street to the junction with New Street, outside and opposite 8 Queens Gardens on or after 14 July 2009 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Worthington Street, Biggin Street and Priory Street. Local access only to Queens Gardens via Worthington Street. No through access to New Street.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway maintanence works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Dover as described in columns 1 and 2 of the schedule to this order on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule. Only one road shall be closed at any one time.

**THE SCHEDULE**

| Specified Road | Length of road affected | Alternative routes | Duration |
|---|---|---|---|
| Erith Street | From the junction with St Georges Street to the junction with Buckland Terrace | St Georges Street, Shooters Hill and Buckland Terrace | 2 days |
| Mayfield Avenue | From the junction with Minerva Avenue to the junction with Nightingale Road | Minerva Avenue, Heathfield Avenue and Nightingale Road | 2 days |

**For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Lorne Road | From the junction with Buckland Avenue to the junction with London Road | No alternative route. Restricted access only. | 2 days |
| Park Place | At the junction with Dour Street | Northbound traffic via High Street, London Road, Buckland Avenue, Barton Road, Firth Road and Charlton Green. Southbound traffic via Maison Dieu Road, Castle Street, King Street, Queen Street, York Street and Priory Road. | 2 days |

## Highways - Borough of Gravesham

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM (PRE PATCHING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 13h July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate pre patching and ditching in preparation for surface dressing.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**SCHEDULE 1**

| Road Name | Extent | Dates | Diversion Route |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leywood Road, Luddesdown | White Horse Lane to Luxon Road | 13th July 2009 for 3 weeks | White Horse Lane, Dean Lane, Strawberry Hill |
| Luxon Road, Luddesdown | Lockyers Hill to Leywood Road | 3rd August 2009 for 2 weeks | Lockyers Hill, Leywood Road |

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 5) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to;

1. introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places on the following roads or lengths of road-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Access road to Vicarage Lane and Miller Road | Clifton Grove | Oxford Close |
| Arthur Street | Elmfield Close | Rochester Road |
| Brandon Street | Forge Lane | Terrence Close |

2. to introduce no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6:30pm (single yellow lines) on both sides of Grove Road from the junction with Stonebridge Road for a distance of approximately 270 metres in a north easterly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at of Gravesham Council Offices, Civic Centre, Gravesend and at Invicta House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Kent Highway Services, Double Day House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford. ME20 7BU by noon on Monday 3 August 2009.

## Highways - Borough of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(LENHAM ROAD, HEADCORN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lenham Road at the junction of Windmill Hill and Fairbourne Lane on Saturday and Sunday 1st & 2nd August 2009 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Windmill Hill, Knowle Hill Lane, Knowle Lane, Lenham Road and for westbound traffic vice versa.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to plug off a leaking valve. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Leanne Town of Clancy Docwra on 01634 877411.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETLING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING/ THURNHAM/ STOCKBURY) (TRAFFIC SPEED, TRAFFIC REGULATION AND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described in Schedule 1 and 2 hereto.

The order shall come into operation at times when required on 17th/18th/19th July 2009.

**SCHEDULE 1**
**(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)**

1. Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/ Detling Hill, Detling/ Thurnham/ Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5), except at the locations stated in section 2 below.
2. Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Detling Hill, Detling/ Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham in both directions between the junction of Scragged Oak Road to the junction of Bimbury Lane.
3. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to :-
   (i) Carry out a right hand turn from the A249 southbound into Scragged Oak Road.
   (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
   (iii) Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
4. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 3(i), 3(ii), 3(iii) above are either
   (i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
   (ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

**SCHEDULE 2**
**(One Way Order)**

No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in the length of road specified otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order. The alternative route for the route described in Column 1 is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

| The affected route (Column 1) | The alternative route (Column 2) |
|---|---|
| Scragged Oak Road<br>One way from the junction with Hermitage Lane towards the junction with Broader Lane. | Broader Lane and Hermitage Lane |

## Highways - District of Sevenoaks

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**VARIOUS ROADS IN SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 27th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as per the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a gas mains replacement.

**SCHEDULE 1**

| Road Name | Extent | Duration | Diversion |
|---|---|---|---|
| A25 Seal Road, Sevenoaks | From its junction with the A225 to Greatness Lane | 8th August to 16th August 2009 | HGV - A20 London Road Westerham, A20 London Road West Kingsdown, A20 Main Road/ Gorse Hill Farningham, A225 Eynsford Road Eynsford, A225 High Street/A225 Station Road Eynsford, A225 Shoreham Road Shoreham, A225 Station Road/ Sevenoaks Road Otford, A225 Otford Road Sevenoaks Local Traffic - Seal Hollow Road, High Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Riverhead Square, Maidstone Road, Bradbourne Vale Road |
| Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks | From its junction with A25 Seal Road for a distance of 20m north | 18th August to 30th August 2009 | Mill Lane, Queens Drive, Orchard Close |
| Hillingdon Avenue, Sevenoaks | From its junction with A25 Seal Road to 1 Hillingdon Avenue | 18th August to 30th August 2009 | Little Wood, Wickenden Road, St Johns Hill |
| Hospital Road, Sevenoaks | From its junction with A25 Seal Road to 9 Hospital Road | 18th August to 30th August 2009 | No diversion possible traffic will exit southbound to St Johns Hill |
| Whole Length Seal Hollow Road | 7.5T weight restriction | 8th August to 30th August 2009 | No diversion necessary |
| A25 Seal Road | Access only between junction Seal Hollow Road and Hillingdon Avenue/ Greatness Lane | 8th August to 30th August 2009 | No diversion necessary |

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**CLEMENT STREET/LOWER ROAD, SWANLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Clement Street/Lower Road, Swanley between its junctions with Arnolds Lane and Top Dartford Road.

The Order will become effective on 27th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Lower Road, Top Dartford Road, Main Road (Swanley), Highlands Hill, Swanley Village Road, Ship Lane, Main Road (Sutton at Hone), Arnolds Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate repair works on kerbing and the carriageway.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**CHILDSBRIDGE LANE, KEMSING AND SEAL (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Childsbridge Lane, Kensing and Seal as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 27th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the attached schedule.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the laying of high friction surfacing and zebra crossing markings.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

**SCHEDULE 1**

| Road Name | Extent | Date | Diversion Route |
|---|---|---|---|
| Childsbridge Lane | Landway to Childsbridge Way | 27th July 2009 for 1 night | A25 High Street Seal, A25 Seal Road Sevenoaks, A225 Otford Road Sevenoaks, A225 Sevenoaks Road Otford, A225 Station Road Otford, Pilgrims Way East Shoreham, Pilgrims Way East Kemsing, Childsbridge Lane Kemsing. |
| Childsbridge Lane | Collet Road to Greystones Close | 3rd August 2009 for 1 night | The Landway, Pilgrims Way East, Childsbridge Lane, Collet Road, Northdownn Road, Dynes Road, Oxenhill Road, Castle Drive. |

## Highways - District of Shepway

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(KING STREET, BROOKLAND) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical and water main works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street, Brookland from junction with B2080 Rhee Wall Road to the junction with Harvey Road on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of 12 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2080 Rhee Wall Road, A259 Straight Lane, Harvey Road and King Street.

**For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Kent Highway Services

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BOURNEMOUTH ROAD, FOLKESTONE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because drainage works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Bournemouth Road, Folkestone from the junction of Radnor Park Crescent to the junction with Victoria Road on 13 July 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Bournemouth Gardens, Boscombe Road and Ship Street.

## Highways - District of Swale

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY BETWEEN PRESTON STREET AND THE MALL, FAVERSHAM) (RESTRICTIONS ON PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because refurbishment and re construction works to the subway entrances are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through access for pedestrians at the subway between Preston Street and The Mall, Faversham on or after 27 July 2009 for an estimated period of 20 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be via Aldred Road and Forbes Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(DEERTON STREET, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because electrical works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Deerton Street, Faversham from the junction with Lower Road to outside Nichol Farm on or after 13 July 2009 for an estimated period of 11 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Lower Road, Conyer Road, Teynham Street, and Marsh Lane.

## Highways - District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 22) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road:-

Brooke Avenue

(a) On the western side from a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 1 and 3 Brooke Avenue, in a northerly direction to the junction with Crow Hill Road;

(b) On the eastern side from a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 1 and 3 Brooke Avenue, in a northerly direction to the junction with Westfield Road;

**Caxton Road**

(a) On the northern side from a point from a point 3 metres east of a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 3 and 4 Caxton Road, in a westerly direction to the junction with Maynard Avenue;

(b) on the southern side from a point in line with the common boundary Nos 3 and 4 Caxton Road, in a westerly direction to the junction with Westfield Road;

**Crow Hill Road**

(a) On the northern side from a point 5 metres east, opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 1 and 3 Crow Hill Road in an easterly direction to the junction with Maynard Avenue;

(b) On the southern side from a point 7 metres east of a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 1 and 3 in an easterly direction, to the junction with Brooke Avenue;

**Maynard Avenu**

(a) On the eastern side from a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 56 and 58 Maynard Avenue in a southerly direction to the junction with Westfield Road;

(b) On the western side from a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 56 and 58 Maynard Avenue in a southerly direction to the junction with Crow Hill Road;

**Westfield Road**

(a) On the northern side from a point 2 metres west of the common boundary of Nos 2 and 4 Westfield Road, in a westerly direction to the junction with Maynard Avenue;

(b) On the southern side from a point 3 metres west, opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 12 and 14 Westfield Road, in a westerly direction to the junction with Brooke Avenue

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way

Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to t&d.canterbury.thanet@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 3 August 2009.

## Highways -District of Thanet

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 23) ORDER 2009**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road:-

**Dane Valley Road**

(a) on the north eastern side from a point opposite a point 5 metres north west of the western kerb line of the access road to Unit C Oakwood Trading Estate in a south easterly direction to the junction with Northdown Hill;

(b) on the south western side from a point 5 metres north west of the western kerb line of the access road to Unit C Oakwood Trading Estate, in a south easterly direction to the junction with Northdown Road.

**Northdown Hill**

(a) on the north eastern side from a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 6 and 8 Northdown Hill in a south easterly direction to the junction with Westover Road

(b) on the south western side from a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 6 and 8 Northdown Hill in a south easterly direction to the junction with Dane Valley Road;

**Northdown Road**

(a) on the north eastern side from a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 77 and 79 Westover Road in a north westerly direction to the junction with Westover Road

(b) on the south westerly side from a point opposite a point in boundary of Nos 77 and 79 Westover Road in a north westerly direction to the junction with Dane Valley Road;

**Westover Road**

(a) on the north eastern side from a point opposite a point 5 metres south east of the common boundary of Nos 77 and 79 Westover Road in a north westerly direction to the junction with Northdown Hill

(b) on the south western side from a point 5 metres south east of a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 77 and 79 Westover Road in a north westerly direction to the junction with Northdown Road;

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to t&d.canterbury.thanet@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 3 August 2009.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 (ZEBRA CROSSING - CANTERBURY ROAD EAST, RAMSGATE)**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, propose to establish a crossing (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all their enabling powers, as follows:

CANTERBURY ROAD EAST, RAMSGATE
6 metres west of the junction with Kendal Close, Ramsgate.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(NEWCASTLE HILL, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Newcastle Hill, Ramsgate from outside and opposite 2 Newcastle Hill on or after 13th July 2009 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via King Street and Plains of Waterloo.

## Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(FOOTPATH BETWEEN LEIGH ROAD & ASHLEY ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by pedestrian traffic on the footpath that runs between Ashley Road and Leigh Road on or after Monday 13th July 2009 when required for a period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for the route described for pedesrians is via Leigh Road, Brookmead, Ashley Road and vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**
**(BIRLING ROAD SNODLAND) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Birling Road Snodland on or after Monday 27th July 2009 for a period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via A26 Tonbridge Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 King Hill and for southbound traffic vice versa. Additional diversion for high sided vehicles is via A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Maidstone Road, Hadlow High Street, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow Road, Cornwallis Avenue, Hadlow Road, Bordyke, B2260 Tonbridge High Street, A227 Shipbourne Road, Ightham Road, Tonbridge Road, Bates Hill, Borough Green Road, A25 Sevenoaks Road, Maidstone Road, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for road resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Steve Clark on 08458 247 800.

**For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Kent Highway Services

**Pursuant to Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Councils of Ash-cum-Ridley and Hartley give notice of their intention to enter into a lease with EDF Energy Networks (SPN) plc in respect of a sub-station and easements at Northfield, Hartley.**

Any objections should be sent in writing to either Mrs Alison de Jager, Clerk to Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council at The Parish Office, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent DA3 8JZ or Mrs Julie Hoad, Clerk to Hartley Parish Council at The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8DL by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 7th August 2009.

**LICENSING ACT 2003**

Notice of application for Grant of a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Caroline Elcombe has applied to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Hadlow Youth Centre Hadlow Village Hall Williams Field, Marshall Gardens, Hadlow, Kent.

The applicant seeks the licence in respect of the following;
The provision of regulated entertainment
Monday-Sunday 08.00-24.00
The provision of late night refreshment
Monday-Sunday 23.00-05.00

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept) Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal office hours.

Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 5th August 2009.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

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# Vauxhall 'Beast' breaking cover

By **STEVE LOADER**

VAUXHALL'S current grip on the family-cum-company car sector could be tightened by the imminent launch of a new Insignia flagship.

The sleek Vauxhall – 2009 European Car of the Year – has outsold rivals like the Ford Mondeo, BMW 3-Series and Audi A4 so far this year and the addition of the eagerly-awaited 325bhp VXR version can only boost its appeal.

The new supermodel is also priced from a modest £30,995, available from September as a hatch, saloon and Sports Tourer (estate), yet it sits on an all-wheel-drive chassis and will hit 60mph in less than six seconds.

The car joins a successful series of VXR performance models, ranging from the Corsa supermini spin-off to the Australian VXR8 import otherwise known as the 'Thunder from Down Under', but the Insignia sportster will be the first VXR with a 4x4 chassis.

What is more, Vauxhall/Opel engineers have fine-tuned its handling on the gruelling

Nürburgring circuit in Germany.

The car sits 10mm lower than the previous Insignia performance star, the SRi, and boasts several smart chassis features.

A special front suspension system has been developed to improve cornering and grip, and reduce the dreaded 'torque steer', caused by front wheels failing to transmit power to the road, leading to the steering wheel bucking in the driver's hands.

Another piece of trickery called 'Adaptive 4x4' also aims to tame any waywardness.

If the boffins have succeeded then the Insignia VXR can make a compelling case against vastly more expensive high performance equivalents, like the £65,000 BMW M5.

It might even make petrolheads go as misty-eyed as they do at the mention of Vauxhall's legendary 177mph Lotus Carlton of the early 1990s, a car only marginally faster than the VXR yet costing an astonishing £44,000 at the time.

The VXR's looks add to its value-for-money pitch; a hefty yet restrained bodykit complements superb Insignia styling and the package also brings 19-inch alloys – lightweight 20-inch forged alloys are a tempting £1,100 extra – Brembo brakes with colour-keyed callipers, vented/cross-drilled discs and beefy dual matt chrome exhausts.

Inside, you are in no doubt of the car's sporting credentials either, thanks to Recaro front seats plus lots of VXR branding and yet the car has all the practicality of its more everyday sisters.

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# FIRST GEAR

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## Kangoo II escapes 'van ordinaire' label

JUST as Britain's recession-hit drivers shun glitz and glamour, French carmakers have boosted the appeal of successful utility MPVs like the Renault Kangoo.

The second generation Kangoo is no longer disadvantaged in consumers' eyes by being based on a van; this time the donor is the more expensive Renault Scenic MPV, yet Kangoo prices begin at a recession busting £11,200 for a car taller, wider and more capacious than before and featuring the same rear sliding doors layout.

It appeals to families, action types needing to carry sports gear, dog lovers and tradesmen who need a van on weekdays and family holdall at weekends.

## Ford pin sharp with sporting Focus RS

HAVING sent a deputy to the launch of Ford's Focus RS ultimate hot hatch, I drove the car at another Ford do celebrating, ironically, mean and green ECOnetic models.

It was not so mad though because Ford has made the RS as PC as possible in an age when performance and driving pleasure is frowned upon. The bruiser has not been emasculated though; adrenalin is still on tap, but the RS impresses in the same way as its ST junior sister by being a thoroughly useable everyday motor that is tenacious without being too tautly-sprung.

It uses the same Volvo-derived turbocharged 2.5-litre, five-cylinder engine as the ST, tweaked from 222bhp to 301bhp and mated with a slick six-speed gearbox.

It will hit 60mph in under six seconds.

All of which is achieved without the steering wheel arguing as the front wheels channel that power to the road. The blurb blathers on about some technology called RevoKnuckle – I just know its works and the engine revs beautifully too. In short, this is a practical hot hatch, with bodykit and trappings to impress without irritating, and a snip at £26,395.

## Fiat rolls out further homage to 50s 500

**FIAT has paid further homage to its original 1950s 500 Nuovo by launching a chic convertible version of the current and retro styled Cinquecento.**

**And the UK – a major market for open-tops – is the world's first to get the new Fiat 500C take on the 1957 fabric roof Fiat 500.**

**While using the original's roll top canvas roof format, the newcomer is a thoroughly modern interpretation with electric power and a choice of an ivory, red or black roof, but commands a £3,000 premium over its hatchback sister with prices from £11,300.**

**This looks an awful lot considering this is really not a proper convertible – if Fiat says it is, then so was the Citroën 2CV and Dyane.**

**Nevertheless, the 500C photographs beautifully and promises lots of la dolce vita (sweet life) for prospective customers.**

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FordMondeo

# Greener Mondeo aims to claw back its sector

FORD has struggled to hang onto the motor sector it once held in a vice-like grip.

Indeed, so strong was its hold on family/company car sales that the segment was referred to as the 'Mondeo sector' and was probably the Sierra sector and then Cortina sector before that.

Recent years though have seen upmarket upstarts like the BMW 3-Series and Audi A4 carve lumps off, while Vauxhall's svelte new Insignia has outsold it so far in 2009.

However, the Mondeo reclaimed sector leadership and seventh place in the UK sales top 10 in June, and might now have an ace up its sleeve for the rest of this year.

This is the new six-speed 2.0-litre, 115PS (113bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic offering a potential average of 54mpg and claimed 64mpg for motorway cruising, CO2 emissions of just 139g/km translating into Band E (£120/year) road tax and low benefit-in-kind taxation for company car user choosers.

Priced from £20,795 it is sold in five-door hatch or estate form, both versions featuring familiar 'eco' aids including low-rolling resistance tyres, optimum gear change indicator and better aerodynamics through air deflectors, a rear spoiler and sports suspension to lower the car,

And while the ECOnetic is intended to be miserly on fuel, the interior is generous with creature comforts such as dual-zone automatic temperature control, Bluetooth connectivity with voice control for the phone and sound system, cruise control, seven airbags and Ford's Quickclear heated front windscreen feature.

You certainly don't get the feel that you are driving an austerity package; the new engine option supplements the existing 1.8-litre, 125PS (123bhp) Mondeo ECOnetic, but feels a lot smoother and should help Ford further boost its eco-friendly sub-brand this year – more Mondeo customers bought an ECOnetic in the first five months of 2009, than throughout 2008. The well-spaced six-speed change feels slick and underpins the top-notch Mondeo driving experience.

Handling is only slightly compromised by the harder compound tyres used and the ECOnetic comes with ESP (electronic stability control and emergency brake assist) for extra surefootedness. The other strong suit is the 'standard-fit' space and versatility of the Mondeo cabin, but is all this enough for the ECOnetic to restore the Mondeo to sector dominance?

Well, Vauxhall has its own green rival – the Insignia ecoFLEX – and both are shadowed by the BMW 3-Series, which comes with a fuel-saving, emissions-cutting EfficientDynamics eco package as standard, is coveted by company car users and also pleases fleet managers and lease companies with its low depreciation.

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# No need to tilt at windmills with Vauxhall's eco Corsa

DrivingReview

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VauxhallCorsa

THREE things are deterring people from adopting greener cars.

Firstly, fear that friends, neighbours and relatives say you've gone weird and say: "You think you know someone and then they buy an eco car – a wormery and rooftop windmill will be next, you watch."

Secondly, price. How do car manufacturers justify whacking a four-figure premium onto a standard model after simply tweaking the powertrain, aerodynamics and changing the tyres?

Thirdly, feeling that you are forsaking all driving pleasure and street cred to join a monastic motoring cult.

Answer 1: We must all 'get weird' sooner or later, or we can't look our kids in the eye.

Answer 2: Carmakers must get real; trying to squeeze a few thousand quid here and there won't save them when one of their number breaks ranks with a low-cost motor mass-produced in the Far East to a credible eco-friendly Western brief.

Answer 3: 'Open your mind'; there are eco-friendly cars that don't ask you to hang a dream catcher in your kitchen and make logs from old newspapers (I cut my hand badly doing that the other day).

One of the best I've driven so far is the Vauxhall Corsa ecoFLEX; most carmakers now have a 'green' sub brand and ecoFLEX denotes the leanest and meanest versions of popular Vauxhalls; Ford uses ECOnetic and VW, confusingly, uses BlueMotion.

The Corsa has adopted familiar fiddles to cut CO2 emissions and consumption, so a punchy 75PS (74bhp) 1.3-litre diesel engine is mated with a widely-spaced five-speed gearbox for greater economy and, particularly, miserly motorway cruising – the engine is refined at 70mph and the onboard computer reads around 60mpg.

Vauxhall claims an average of around 70mpg and 85mpg in official extra urban or 'poodling along at 50-ish' mode – this is the marque's most economical car ever.

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Good aerodynamics help; the Corsa has distinctive slippery lines anyway, with hardly a kink side-on from nose to tailgate, the latter being finished by a stubby spoiler.

But ride height has been shaved by 20mm and the car lightened by 45 kilos, too.

It even has the narrower low-rolling resistance tyres favoured by the new eco car breed, which usually means much tyre squealing on bends and interesting handling; oh, how we love modern 'sticky' tyres and become grumpy about going back to something more upright.

But this austerity package Corsa is really not that bad. Those eco tyres deliver plenty of grip and cornering power, while the diesel sounds lumpy first thing; refinement levels are good for this class and the slick gearbox and overall virtues of what is basically one of the best superminis around mean you don't need to be an eco-warrior to consider it.

The cabin is well-arranged, big and practical, particularly in five-door format, as tested here, with a false floor to the boot that delivers a flat load bay with rear seat backs folded down, but also offers a suitcase deep compartment between that floor and spare wheel stowage.

The rear seat back can be set in two positions, with the more upright maximising boot space at the expense of passenger comfort – monks will appreciate it though.

My only big gripe is a drab cabin; Vauxhall threw the kitchen sink at the interior of its Agila supermin/MPV model – perhaps to create a point of difference with its Suzuki Splash twin sister – and the mid-range Corsa Club model we tested could really use some of that drama.

Price? Not cheap and we have listed rivals (see Stats) with conventional versions that can match the ecoFLEX's economy and emissions.

Nor is there an equivalent standard Corsa to really cost our car against, though you should get a discount anyway in the current climate.

Maybe time to take a closer look though – pick up a wind turbine brochure on the way to the dealer.

## DrivingStats

- Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi (75PS) ecoFLEX Club five-door £12,560
- Range (ecoFLEX only): £11,295 – 13,595
- Garage stats: 3.99m by 1.73m five-door hatchback
- Powertrain: 1,248cc/74bhp four-cylinder diesel engine driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 104mph and 0-62mph in 13.6 seconds
- How green?: category-C (£35/year) road tax - 119g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 62.8mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating: *****
- Fuel tank: 45 litres/9.9gallons
- Insurance group: 3
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles
- Rivals: Alfa Romeo MiTo, Citroën C2/C3, Fiat Grande Punto, Ford Fiesta ECOnetic, Hyundai i20, Kia Rio, Mazda2, Peugeot 207, Renault Clio, Seat Ibiza Ecomotive, Skoda Fabia Greenline, Suzuki Splash or Swift, Toyota Yaris, Vauxhall Agila and VW Polo.

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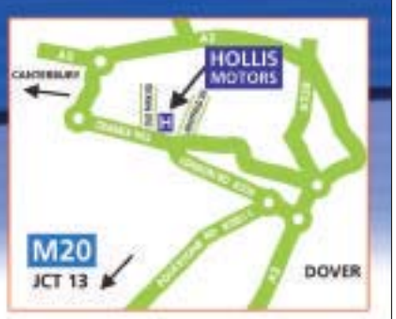


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LAST CUP: Coffee Republic is bust

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DOZENS of jobs could be lost in Kent after a recession-hit coffee shop chain went into administration.

Three trading arms of Coffee Republic plc – Coffee Republic (UK) Ltd, Coffee Republic Franchising Ltd and Goodbean Ltd were declared insolvent this week.

The chain runs eight branches in Kent and 187 throughout the UK. It employs more than 150 full-time staff at its branches.

No-one at its London head office would comment on the financial crisis.

Richard Hill and David Crawshaw of KPMG Restructuring have been appointed joint administrators of the chain's three offshoots.

A KPMG spokeswoman couldn't say how many jobs will be lost in the county or how many of the eight branches – including one in Bluewater Shopping Centre, Greenhithe, and one at Ashford's Eureka Entertainment Centre – will shut.

Mr Hill said: "The recession is hitting discretionary spending on the High Street and some of the less profitable bars with expensive leases have suffered.

"However, Coffee Republic has a strong brand and I expect considerable interest in the profitable parts of the business.

"We will be doing whatever we can to find a buyer for the residual business as a going concern as quickly as possible, so interested parties will have to be prepared to move fast."

Coffee Republic opened its first London branch in 1995, in South Molton Street, becoming one of the country's best-known hot drink vendors.

# Name dropping

## Water company hoping change of title will lead to ripple of interest in services

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**
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FOLKESTONE and Dover Water Services Ltd is hoping to make a splash under a new trading name.

From this month the firm will revert to Veolia Water Southeast Ltd and will be known as Veolia Water.

But it insists nothing will change for consumers – or those businesses which currently trade with it.

Veolia has been a majority shareholder in F&D for more than 20 years and operates three separate water companies. It provides commercial and industrial water management services throughout the UK.

A spokesman for the firm said: "By bringing the names of our water companies in line with our commercial business, we will be more visible and our customers will clearly know who is providing their water service.

"Everything else is 'business as usual' – nothing has changed. Your water continued to come from the same local sources as it has always done."

In a letter to customers announcing the change, managing director David Walton said: "Our name change is just that, simply a change of name.

"It will make absolutely no difference to your relationship with us and your tap water will continue to be delivered by the same people and to the same high standard that it always has."

Veolia has insisted the cost of the rebranding will not be passed on to customers through higher bills.

A spokesman said: "We have kept the cost of this change as low as possible by phasing it in over a period of time.

"The Veoila name is already in use across the company and it will be more cost effective to use one name than three, as we currently do in the UK.

"As part of our long-term plan for the business, funds have been set aside for this purpose."

# Search on for top landlord

TWO businesswomen are set to battle it out for the regional title of the National Landlords Association Property Women Awards 2009.

Susan Hainsby from Chiselhurst and Canterbury's Kathryn Nevell have both been shortlisted for the South East honour.

Mrs Nevell is also up for the green award for her commitment to ensuring her properties are environmentally friendly.

The awards were launched to find savvy and successful women in the property investment market and the South East winner will be unveiled on July 23 from three short-listed candidates.

David Salusbury, chairman of the NLA, said: "The calibre of women that the NLA Property Women Awards received this year was very impressive and Susan and Kathryn should be incredibly proud to make it to the final.

"The three finalists have all demonstrated professionalism, creativity, attention to detail and an overall superior level of customer service."

# Sad farewell to marketing guru

TRIBUTES have been paid to long-serving journalist and marketing guru Keith Southey, who died on Tuesday morning, aged 53.

Mr Southey joined the Dover Express when he was 17 and spent 22 years there before moving to the Dover Harbour Board, eventually becoming public relations and marketing manager.

He was diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year.

Former colleague and lifelong friend Nick Stevens, of LD Lines in Dover, said Mr Southey was "the nicest, calmest person you could ever meet".

A memorial service is planned. He is survived by wife Bettina and two sons.

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# Cost-conscious shoppers checking out best deals

## Store loyalty takes back seat as financial climate forces customers looking to save their pennies to shop around

By **RACHEL McATHY**
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SHOPPERS in Kent are abandoning their supermarket loyalties in order to bag the best price, according to retail experts.

A study into shopper habits found retailers may be targeting the wrong consumers, as those with the most money to spend are making the biggest cut backs.

Experts say appealing to shoppers by their social background may be no longer relevant in today's market.

Jo James, chief executive at Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said businesses in the county are responding accordingly.

She said: "I have noticed that people are more cost-conscious because of the economy and looking outside what would be their normal target market.

"Where people are cutting back on high end, niche markets, businesses have got to look at doing the same.

"Businesses are now seeing everybody as a potential customer.

"The sensible businesses are the ones who can look at their business and diversify and make the most opportunities.

"It is business which will get us out of this recession, so the ones that take these steps will get us out quicker."

She also said food is going to be the prime example of changing buyer habits.

Research found that people earning over £45,000 a year, who spend more than £90 a week at Tesco, Waitrose or Sainsburys, are now switching to low-cost brands at Asda, Morrisons, Aldi and Netto.

A spokesperson for Asda in Kent said sales in the county reflect these findings.

**BARGAIN HUNT: Retail experts say shoppers habits are changing due to the harsh financial climate and looking to save money where they can**

She said: "We are seeing a change here," she said. "We have seen increases in customer numbers and found people who may normally shop in Marks and Spencer or Waitrose, can't afford the luxuries they could before.

"So they are coming to us for better prices. We have also found people are being more picky with their shopping now, too.

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# Invoicing support scheme to get SME cash flowing

SMALL and medium-sized Kent firms looking to boost their cash-flow during the recession can take advantage of a stress-busting £100 million fund from Clydesdale Bank.

The bank's financial solutions centre (FSC) network – which includes branches in Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone – is offering the extra support through invoice financing.

Firms can apply for up to 85 per cent of the value of invoices they issue, with the remainder payable when invoices are paid.

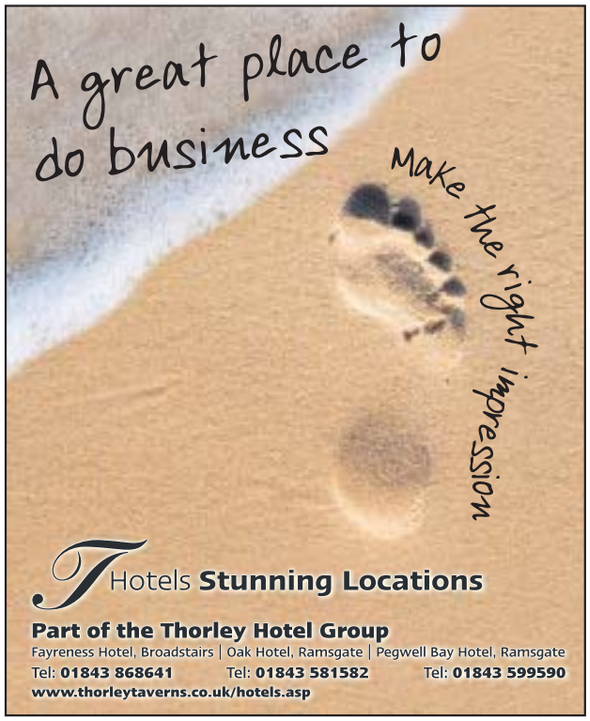
The idea is that businesses are not hampered by late payments as they have quick access to funds, which reflect their commercial performance.

Chris Winning, managing partner at Clydesdale's FSC in Tunbridge Wells, said: "Tougher economic conditions traditionally lead to pressures on SMEs' cash flow which is compounded by a tendency among their customer businesses to delay payments, usually because they face similar difficulties.

"Invoice finance addresses this by releasing a proportion of invoiced values immediately, taking away uncertainty and helping businesses to run smoothly.

"This new fund allows us to assist more successful businesses in getting one step ahead of their competitors."

He added: "As well as helping existing business customers of the bank, we are keen to see new, well-managed companies benefit from this new fund, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to supporting the SME community, which is the backbone of the economy."



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# A degree of worry

**Figures suggest a flood of qualified degree students are going to pour on to the job market this summer – only to find themselves fighting over every vacancy. RACHEL McATHY examines the situation and asks just how employers can cherry pick the very best and how graduates need to bring more to an interview than just their certificates.**

STUDENTS in Kent graduating this year are facing intense battles for jobs, according to recruitment experts.

But despite this, career advisors say some students in the county's universities are not showing much concern.

According to a survey by the Association of Graduate Recruiters, almost 50 graduates are chasing each available job, an increase from 30 last year.

But despite these figures, careers advisor at the University of Kent, Tim Reed, said most students do not appear concerned. He said: "The worry factor has not quite passed into the graduates. We put on additional sessions but they have not been very popular.

"There is not this mass concern and worry within the students that the national press make out there is."

He added: "What the students need to do is consider what they want to do and make as much time and effort as possible to focus a job search. They need to make a realistic choice and then identify the skills they have and need to acquire.

"Common mistakes include unfocused CVs and letters, for example, I had a student come to me today who wanted to work in education, but did not mention this until her second page."

But when it comes to preparing students for the world of work, some feel universities are not doing enough.

Sarah Hardes of Earl Street Employment said universities need to make sure students are better prepared.

"They are not prepared enough in terms of help at university and there are very few graduate recruitment agencies in Kent.

"I think some universities could give their students better access to careers and recruitment advice and make sure the courses they offer students do have a relevance within the job market. But we do our best to help."

She said the market is causing problems for student job hunts.

"It is a difficult situation for all students at the moment," she said. "Most important is to get your CV geared to the industry, it is about the obvious things.

"It is also about doing research and look-

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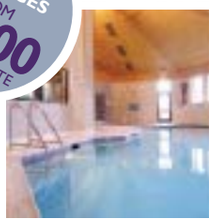
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# Slow in decline brings hope back to market

WAGES and salaries continue to dip, as do appointments – but it's not all doom and gloom according to the latest figures.

The Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) and KPMG Report on Jobs – published this week – provides what it claims to be 'the most comprehensive guide to the UK labour market', drawing on original survey data provided by recruitment consultancies.

The report indicates job market conditions continued to worsen in June, but at a slower pace than seen around the turn of the year.

• Permanent placements continued to decrease, but the latest drop was the weakest in 13 months. Similarly, temporary staff billings declined at the slowest rate since September.

• Demand for staff contracted at a slower rate in June. The number of permanent vacancies fell at the weakest rate in nine months, while the drop in temporary vacancies was the smallest in eight months.

• June data pointed to a further reduction in employee pay, reflecting weak demand for staff and high levels of candidate availability. Permanent staff salaries fell at a marked rate, albeit the slowest in six months. Temporary staff pay declined at a similar pace to May.

• Recruitment consultants reported another month of rising staff availability during June. The supply of both permanent and temporary candidates increased sharply, albeit at the slowest rates in nine and eight months respectively

Kevin Green, chief executive of the REC, said: "The UK jobs market shows signs of life.

"Whilst the public sector has continued to recruit, it is now critical that demand returns to the private sector to negate the potential public expenditure constraints... which could in turn hinder a full recovery of the UK jobs market.

"Flexible working options will provide a crucial way back to work, which is why we must ensure the new regulations covering agency work do not limit opportunities."

# over job prospects

ing at how a company brands itself and what they will be looking for.

"Any work placements or experience need to be made clear and information needs to be set out in an easy-to-read format."

But she reassures students that a degree still carries the weight it used to in most sectors: "There will always be industries looking for graduates.

"Having a degree indicates the person is capable of reaching a certain standard, shows a good amount of self-discipline and proves they can work on their own initiative."

Unlike at the University of Kent, Helen Gleaves, employability and career services manager at Canterbury Christ Church University said students are worried about the lack of jobs: "There are concerns at the moment amongst our students.

"They are aware, but obviously, when they come back from holidays in October and look for work they will be much more aware. There is always that lull when they take a break.

"What we are trying to do is encourage them to be proactive and do something about it. They also need to start thinking beyond the traditional approaches."

Onyx Graduates in Rochester was set up last year to help graduates find work.

Tracey Hawkins, director of Onyx Graduates, said the way for graduates to stand out from the crowd is through hands-on experience.

"For those recent graduates, it has become increasingly apparent that those who embark on industrial placements and sandwich years in a relevant field are at an advantage," she said. "It is important for graduates and candidates across the board, to recognise the importance of a well constructed, effective CV.

"This is vital when there are so many candidates in the market.

"We encourage graduates to continue to be proactive in their approach, as we are seeing a gradual improvement in market conditions."

**SCARCITY: The recession means that no matter how hard they look, graduates will have a string of other candidates queueing up to compete for any vacancies**

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## Back from the brink

A SOLICITORS firm, which faced near collapse, has completed a pre-packed administration.

Buss Murton, now called Buss Murton Law, was saddled with millions of pounds worth of debt after decisions made in the 1990s over personal injury work.

Consequently, it adopted a CVA (company voluntary arrangement) scheme enabling it to restructure its debt.

It went into pre-packed administration on June 19 and has now emerged as Buss Murton Law.

The firm, which has offices in Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook and Dartford, is now looking forward to what they hope is a positive year ahead.

Senior partner, Alan Williams said: "We have now got rid of the millstone of debts we have been labouring under for so long.

"It is nice to be able to take the brakes off which have been holding us back.

"We have been looking over our shoulders for a long time but we can now look forward."

He added: "It is a massive relief for everyone.

"We are not now averse to taking risk, but it is important to manage it, take risks but not gambles."

The firm is reported to be expecting to turn over more than £3 million in the first financial year under its new structure.

HARD HIT: A massive drop in property sales means many solicitors are finding themselves suffering under a decline in conveyancing work

# Lawyers crunched out of work

By **RACHEL MCATHY**
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LAW firms in Kent say a recovery is a long way off, as they continue to experience sharp downfalls in business.

With the housing market slump, conveyance work in particular has dried up, causing problems for firms who rely heavily on such work.

Even those offering a variety of services are feeling the pinch.

Jonathan Denny, managing director at Cripps Harries Hall in Tunbridge Wells said the state of legal firms across the county is bleak: "The legal industry has had a bad time, I won't pretend it has been easy. Some firms have seen huge falls in profits. The picture across the country is pretty bleak."

He said telling signs of trouble are shown in the "deafening silence" of firms who are being unusually reluctant to release their profit figures.

"We actually had a really good result in the last financial year where our turnover increased marginally on the previous year," he said. "But we are expecting to have a more difficult year this year than last, as our business tends to lag the economy.

"We went into last year with a good order book, but the second half of the year was less good and this gives us a shape of things to come. Areas that have fared less well were the corporate side, such as mergers and our development division.

"It is a mixed picture at the moment."

He said the fundamental issue remains: "The unwillingness of banks to lend on anything is the problem and I don't see a change in this all that much. There is still a serious issue in terms of getting money.

"Although I share the view that the worst is probably behind us, that does not mean we are in a recovery. It is just getting worse less quickly.

"We don't share the Government's optimism that there will be a quick recovery."

Richard Rix, finance partner at Hallett and Co in Ashford, reported similar problems, with their conveyance work down by 30 per cent: "I don't think there will be a turnaround until 2012. But it is difficult to know if the Government is telling the truth.

"We were prepared more by luck than judgment. Luckily we have not been hit as hard as others. The problem is we are also affected by the general downturn in the commercial world."

He added: "We don't do so well in booms, but don't do so badly in the bad times. Others have been extremely hard hit."

Fergus Ross, business development manager for Warners Solicitors, which has branches in Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, said the change in economy forced them to reassess their business.

"Prior to the economic adjustment, conveyance work was a vital part of the mix. But that changed almost overnight back in October. The volume of this work shrank at a level we had not seen before."

He said changes are starting to be seen in the residential property market, with those who sold up to live off the interest of their savings now making a return to the market.

"But with a little bit of sunshine and credit crunch fatigue, people have got off of their hands and are making property transactions," he said. "People have returned to buying houses because their savings were not paying the rent anymore.

"I would not call it a recovery but we have seen positive signs, we have to be cautious on behalf of our clients.

"Nobody has a crystal ball and while we have seen positive figures, it would be wrong to say there are green shoots.

"Our clients and business need to keep their feet firmly on the ground and take each day as it comes."

But not all firms in the county claim to be affected by the recession.

Hugo Barton, spokesman for Gardner Croft in Canterbury, said it was their level of customer care which has kept them going strong: "We are up on our turnover and have a lot of long-standing clients, due to our high quality advice. People still seek that, even in a recession.

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SPEAKER: Wayne Hemingway MBE will be among the experts to be heard at the event

EXCITEMENT isn't the only thing building ahead of the 2009 Kent Construction Expo, organised by KOS Media, ***writes James Benjamin***.

The biggest construction and regeneration show in the South East, last year it attracted more than 100 exhibitors and representatives from more than 400 companies.

The event – which will again be held at Chatham Historic Dockyard in September – is one of a portfolio of attractions arranged by KOS Media.

This year, the conference will see a keynote speech from successful entrepreneur Wayne Hemingway MBE and leading figures from key government departments involved in regeneration across the county. It will also feature two workshops, one run by exhibitors and the other by The EcoVillage, with a focus on sustainability.

EcoVillage organiser Vicky Whitlock said: "The EcoVillage will be a key area for showcasing the latest in sustainable construction. There are many changes affecting the industry; the code for sustainable homes, energy efficient homes and construction waste initiatives.

"The EcoVillage will be a great addition to the Expo, offering advice, product demonstrations, and a strong seminar programme within The EcoVillage conference area."

The Expo will also feature an area dedicated to bringing together training providers and employers, and demonstrations from students, in a bid to increase the building skills in Kent in the coming years.

The Student Construction Expo will again be hosted by Denne Construction. Organiser Nicholas Fowler, the firm's business improvement manager, said: "We are also taking a stand in the main hall as we feel this Construction Expo represents an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the wide range of projects and areas of community engagement that our company is involved with."

Denne is not the only firm returning in 2009, George Poku, MD of Chatham-based GEP Safety Consultants said: "Last year was excellent, I got 56 leads which were followed-up with several proposals."

Tony Buddin, marketing director of Business Link, said the Expo was 'a must' for the industry: "We have been involved with Construction Expo since its inception. It is a must for construction and all related professions and trades.

"With the London 2012 Games and Kent's substantial development potential, especially Thameside and around Ashford, it has become a not-to-miss event to network, find new customers and suppliers and to keep informed."

The 2009 show has also attracted attention from national industry publications including Construction Now, Housing News and Building Engineer.

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# Timeline

## Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear

**1909**

**100 YEARS AGO:** ON a rain-damaged wicket at The Nevill in Tunbridge Wells, Colin Blythe again proved the star turn for Kent, as they beat Derbyshire inside two days.

Blythe took 8 for 49 as Derbyshire collapsed twice in their first innings and were all out for just 98. Kent then scored at a blistering rate, putting on 242 in just two hours and 45 minutes.

Hutchings was the top scorer with 81 as Kent posted 360 and Blythe took a further three wickets to dismiss Derbyshire for 178 second time around.

The crowd was a mildly disappointing 1,500 on the first day, with a healthier 3,000 on the second.

The town's football club could only look on in envy. At its AGM the secretary reported the previous season had been "disastrous" and after it failed to achieve re-election to the South Eastern League, its directors recommended dissolving the club.

**1959**

**50 YEARS AGO:** SURREY bowler Alec Bedser proved Kent's nemesis at Blackheath, after skipper Colin Cowdrey committed the cardinal error of losing the toss.

Kent were sent in to bat by Cowdrey's opposite number Peter May and subsequently skittled for 143 with Bedser exploiting the damp pitch to send back Stuart Leary, Cowdrey and John Pretlove in the space of four balls.

Surrey declared on 391 for 9 after tea on day two and although Kent staved off an innings defeat, the visitors needed just 17 runs to seal the win, disappointing the bulk of a 6,000 crowd.

**1984**

**25 YEARS AGO:** THE former Tottenham and Crystal Palace player Peter Taylor committed his immediate future to Maidstone United, spurning offers from abroad to remain with the side he had just helped to the Alliance Premier League title, despite the Stones' failure to get elected to the Football League.

Elliots Athletics Club clinched promotion to Division Two of the Southern League, with hammer thrower Clive Thomson breaking the club record with 42.58.

Thomson, from Postley Road, Maidstone, had previously been 'evicted' from sports grounds because of the damage his hammer caused.

Kent's golfers beat Surrey 8.5 to 3.5 at Canterbury, the first time they had beaten their neighbours in a decade while T Northover was winner of Hawkhurst Golf Club's captain's day with a net 66, beating R George and A Glen.

Picture: PA PHOTOS

FLIP SIDE: Colin Cowdrey lost the toss as Kent slumped to Surrey 50 years ago

# Drunken idea now a multi-national team

## How celebrity cricket side Lashings came to be

### Going over old ground

*By FRED ATKINS*

LASHINGS are now a club of cricketing galacticos, but they only exist because a team pulled out of a fixture against The Minstrel 25 years ago this summer.

Based in the pub now known as Ye Olde Thirsty Pig in Knightrider Street, Maidstone, The Minstrel, including future Lashings stalwart John Steer, were drowning their sorrows when there was a brainwave.

"Someone said 'Why don't we walk up to Lashings and see if David [Folb] can get a team together?'" Steer recalled.

#### Ambitious

They staggered a couple of hundred metres up the hill to Lashings, where Folb, Steer's boss, agreed to assemble a scratch side.

They were bowled out for 29 and lost by 294 runs at Mote Park, but Folb had caught the bug. He instructed Steer to take two weeks off and form a team.

Lashings first played at the Kent Fire Brigade ground in Tovil but though they were ambitious, they might have remained a traditional pub team, but for a chance conversation 11 years later.

Murray Nissen, chairman of The Mote, told Folb he'd been called by Richie Richardson's agent.

"They weren't interested, but Murray said, 'why am I telling you this, of course you'll sign him!'" Folb said.

ON TOUR: Lashings (above) on tour in Abu Dhabi with their 'galacticos' side (right)

Richardson, who by then had had enough of the stress of being West Indies captain, confirms the story.

"I'd just retired from international cricket but I told my agent I'd still like to be involved with the game at a very low level and I wanted to have some fun," he said. "I also said I would like to be relatively close to London.

"David Folb called me up and he was very apologetic about the standard but I said don't worry about it, I'll have a good time. And I turned up and had a great time. The first three of four years I laughed so much it was just unbelievable."

Folb said he had to keep the deal a secret for three to four months, but when the news broke it became a national sensation.

Geoff Clarke, then on Meridian, famously said he would "eat his hat" if the story was true, – no small sacrifice for a gourmet.

Yet finding opponents proved problematic. Previously spurned by established clubs who looked on them as a works team, Lashings were now denied fixtures for a different reason.

"Players wanted the chance to play against Richie, but club secretaries thought it would be bad to take a hammering," Folb said.

"We tried to join the Kent League," Richardson said. "But they wouldn't let us, I believe maybe because we didn't have our own ground, we didn't have an established structure and maybe just didn't like what we were doing.

"So Folb and I tried everything and I suggested maybe we should just invite the top players and go round the country, playing for fun."

They've been doing precisely that ever since and are next in action in Kent at Gravesend RFC on July 19.

# Young duo on the road to Wimbledon

TWO young tennis players are set to follow in the footsteps of Roger Federer and Serena Williams after reaching a Wimbledon final.

Steven Blythe, from Maidstone, and Anouska Newman from, Tunbridge Wells, will represent Kent in the finals of the HSBC Road to Wimbledon under-14 challenge after coming through a gruelling county championship final last Sunday.

Blythe, 14, and Newman, 13, are just two of 20,000 boys and girls who took part in the national competition this year.

Susan Finch, Kent County organiser said: "All of the competitors played really well and there was a high standard of tennis throughout the weekend. I wish both Anouska and Steven the best of luck in the national finals."

The finals at the All England Club take place from August 17-22.

TALENTED: Anouska Newman (far left) and Steven Bythe (far right)

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CAN PLAY ANYWHERE: But Chris Palmer wants to play in one position rather than be used in several
Picture: PA PHOTOS

# Gills signing aiming to ditch 'utility man' tag

## Palmer wants to play as winger at Priestfield

By DAVID PRITCHARD

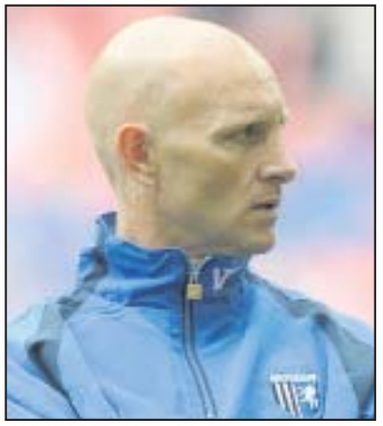
VERSATILITY in football can be a mixed blessing – players who are comfortable in a variety of positions are invariably valued squad members but little more.

With that in mind, it's understandable Gillingham's newest signing, Chris Palmer, is keen to distance himself from the 'utility man' tag which he has found difficult to shift since his trainee days at Derby County.

"Everybody says that," he told Kent on Sunday, rolling his eyes. "I can play in three or four positions, but I just want to be staying in one position.

"I don't mind filling in wherever but I want to be stuck in one position, get my head down and do as well as I can. I feel it's on the wing but obviously if there are injuries I can fill in at full-back."

Genuinely two-footed, Palmer is a rare breed and is equally assured on either flank at full-back or in a more advanced role. The good news for the 25-year-old is Gillingham manager Mark Stimson appears equally keen to see him specialise.



IMPRESSED: Mark Stimson has liked what he has seen from Chris Palmer so far

The Gills boss will try him in a variety of roles in pre-season before settling on a preferred position, but he has been very encouraged by what he has seen so far.

He said: "Having worked with him for a couple of days you can see he's naturally left and right-footed. When you haven't seen it for a long while it's quite scary because he can put corners in with either foot and that's a major plus with the quality he's got.

"He's desperate to play at a higher level and be involved in as many games as possible so he's not come here to sit on the bench and make the numbers up."

The switch left Walsall unhappy after Palmer had verbally agreed to a new one-year deal after the end of last season. Significantly nothing was signed, leaving him free to accept a two-year offer from the Gills. It is the first time in his career he has been given a deal longer than 12 months, which he says was the key.

Palmer said: "I thought with the security and the ambitions of the club this was the better option. It's nice to be somewhere which has really got something going for it and really want to do something well. Hopefully in time – maybe this season – we will look for another promotion."

# Fleet crisis deepens as chairman quits

FAMILY FIRST: John Moules has resigned

EBBSFLEET United chairman John Moules has decided to step down from his role at the Blue Square Premier League club.

Moules, a former chief executive of the Conference, joined the Stonebridge Road club in June last year to take up the unpaid role of chairman.

In April he took over as interim chief executive, following David Davies' resignation.

The out-going Fleet chairman admitted he was sad to leave the club, but said he aims to continue working in football in some capacity.

He told Kent on Sunday: "The simple answer for my decision is I have got to look out for my family. It has been a tough job in difficult circumstances, but I still want to work in football. The sport is my life.

"I have enjoyed every minute of my time at Ebbsfleet. I think I can leave with my head held high as the club is in a better position than when I started.

"There are not many clubs out there who are running without debt and I am delighted to say Fleet are one of those clubs. It has been difficult especially with the economic downturn, but I think we have done well.

"The club is unique with the way it is run by the MyFootballClub scheme, allowing supporters to make decisions. I hope more clubs will follow this plan in the future."

Moules follows former chief executive Davies, club secretary Roly Edwards and assistant manager Alan Kimble, who have all left before the start of the season.

CHANCE: James Harris says taking on the Americans is the highlight of his career

# Golfer set to take on USA for PGA Cup

JAMES Harris is looking forward to one of the highlights of his golf career after being included in the Great Britain & Ireland team for the PGA Cup.

The 33-year-old Tunbridge Wells golfer is in the 10-man team to take on the United States at Loch Lomond, Scotland, in September in PGA club professionals' version of the Ryder Cup.

Harris, who played in England and Great Britain sides as an amateur, admitted it took him a while to appreciate the scale of the biennial tournament.

"To be honest I didn't realise how big it was until after I qualified and spoke to people who have played in it", he said. "When the team got together afterwards, the guys who had played before said it was the best week they had ever had. Some of them have played in majors and still said it was the highlight of their careers, so I'm dead excited."

### Unorthodox

Harris burst into the reckoning with a stunning final round at the Glenmuir PGA Professional Championship last month. In atrocious conditions he shot a stunning 67 to leap from 20th up to second.

He puts the performance down to an unorthodox training method.

He said: "I have been a member of a Jiu Jitsu club for a few years and it has really helped with mental strength and understanding the body performs better when it's relaxed. The weather is something you can't control and when it's bad you know half the players are feeling a bit down about it.

"It was really windy and I was very pleased to shoot the best score of the day by five shots, especially in that sort of field. I've shot 59 before but this was one of my best because of the conditions."

Harris will hope to emulate fellow Kent golfer Darren Parris when the PGA Cup gets under way on September 18. The North Foreland pro won all five of his matches as GB & Ireland won the cup in 2005.

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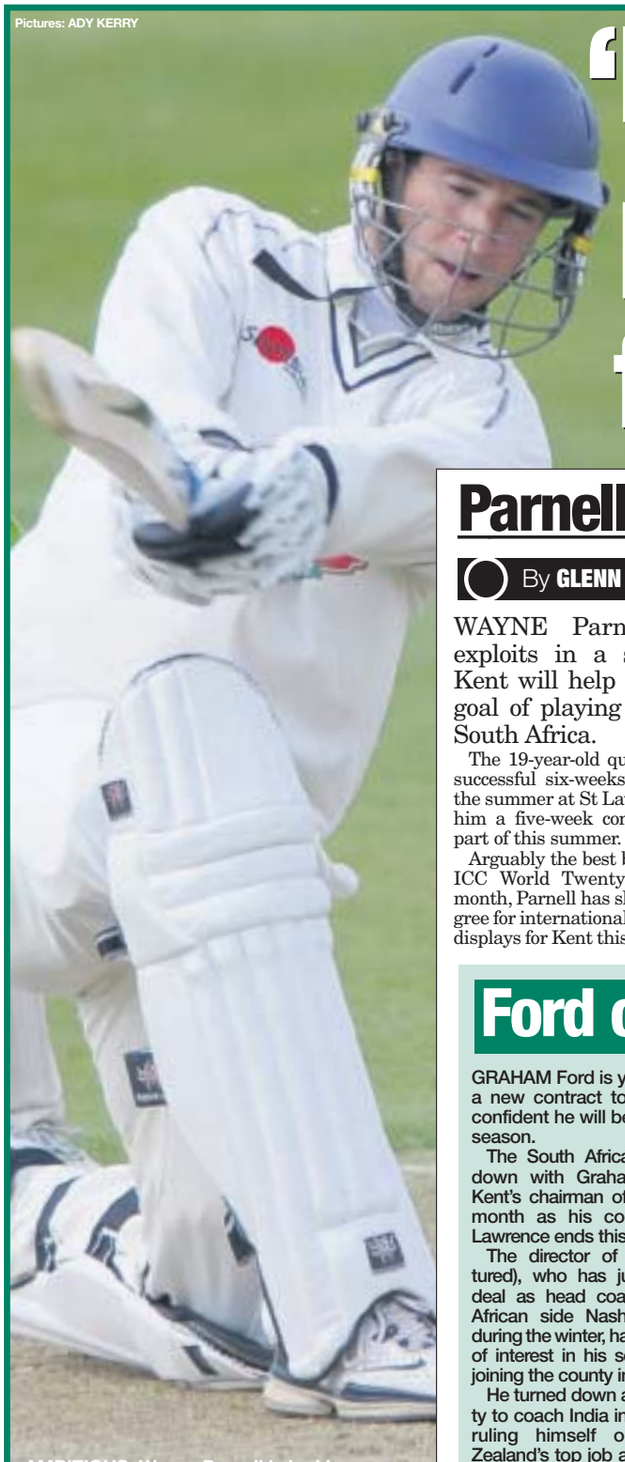
# 'My big goal is to play Test cricket for South Africa'



AMBITIOUS: Wayne Parnell is looking forward to his second spell with Kent as he looks to further his chances of a full-time place in the South Africa Test squad

## Parnell hoping Kent spell will boost chances

By GLENN PEARSON

WAYNE Parnell hopes his exploits in a second stint at Kent will help him achieve his goal of playing Test cricket for South Africa.

The 19-year-old quick bowler enjoyed a successful six-weeks at the beginning of the summer at St Lawrence, enough to net him a five-week contract for the middle part of this summer.

Arguably the best bowler on show in the ICC World Twenty20 in England last month, Parnell has shown he has the pedigree for international cricket and hopes his displays for Kent this summer will net him a place in the South Africa Test side for the series with England in the winter.

He told Kent on Sunday: "When I was here last time I did really well for Kent and helped them win a few games in the championship which is the main competition. Now I'm back hopefully we can win more games.

"Hopefully I have cemented myself in the Twenty20 team and with the one dayers coming up I hope to be included in them. My next sort of big goal is to play Test cricket for South Africa, but we will have to see how that turns out. I just need to keep taking wickets and scoring runs and then hopefully I'll get a spot."

His short experience thus far of international cricket has taught him a valuable lesson: that winning the big games matters. After totally dominating the World Twenty20, South Africa, often dubbed 'chokers' for losing in big games, lost to Pakistan in the semi-final, forcing the young Parnell to experience a country in mourning on his return.

He said: "It's not good to win every game and then lose when it really matters, but what was disappointing for me was when we got home people were calling us chokers.

"I just think we have been really unlucky. Pakistan played so poorly in the tournament and then in the semi-final Shahid Afridi came off with both the bat and ball. I just think we are unlucky but hopefully that is something we can put right next year."

The left-arm seamer's spell at Canterbury allows him to face Durham Dynamos in the Twenty20 Cup quarter-final later this month and he hopes he can leave the county with another finals day to look forward to.

### Nervous

He said: "Obviously it's my second stint and I now know everyone but maybe the first time when I came in I was a little bit nervous about what to expect, but they are a great bunch of lads and have made me feel really at home.

"I would like to get the boys through to finals day and obviously it's great for the county to win trophies. It's a do or die game to get through so we'll have to see how that goes.

"I just want to win games for Kent, take lots of wickets and score runs. I also hope to grow as a professional cricketer and keep learning from guys like Martin van Jaarsveld and Justin Kemp who have both played international cricket before."

He added: "I am a little bit disappointed that I can't stay as long as I would have liked as I would like to have seen Kent go up into the first division and actually be part of that, but playing for South Africa is my main priority."

## Ford confident he will stay

GRAHAM Ford is yet to discuss terms of a new contract to stay at Kent, but is confident he will be with the county next season.

The South African was hoping to sit down with Graham Johnson, Kent's chairman of cricket, this month as his contract at St Lawrence ends this summer.

The director of cricket (pictured), who has just signed a deal as head coach of South African side Nashua Dolphins during the winter, has had no end of interest in his services since joining the county in 2004.

He turned down an opportunity to coach India in 2007 before ruling himself out of New Zealand's top job at the end of last summer. He was then tipped as the man to replace Peter Moores when he was sacked earlier this year, before taking his name out of the equation to concentrate on his job at Kent.

The 48-year-old insists he will sit down with the club's cricket committee before the end of the season and is confident he will be staying at Canterbury.

"That has been at the back of the list of things that need to be sorted out at the moment," he said. "The cricket club have had a few things to sort out recently but once those things have been resolved I'm sure a decision will be made.

"I have been involved for the last few years and during that time I have had opportunities to go elsewhere, but I have felt a loyalty to Kent and I'm sure things will be resolved soon."

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TRIUMPH: Kent Crusaders (with ball) overcame injuries to win title

# Crusaders storm to UK title

KENT Crusaders overcame a first season riddled with injury problems to finish with a flourish as they won the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby National Championships.

The team, which train in Gravesend, beat the East Midlands Marauders in the final to lift the sport's most coveted domestic trophy at Stoke Mandeville in Buckinghamshire last weekend.

It was a triumph for the club, who finished mid-table in the league after struggling all season with a succession of injuries that prevented them from fielding their strongest team.

Andy Barrow, team captain, said: "We've had a tough year so to all come back together and still be in such good form was very pleasing.

"It was a bit of a concern but we always knew we were strengthening the squad by bringing those players back and after the first couple of minutes of our first game we knew we were where we should be."

The Crusaders were formed last year out of the London Wheelchair Rugby Club, which had grown too large to put out just one team. Splitting into two autonomous clubs for domestic competitions, the Crusaders and Stoke Mandeville Storm were created.

The national championships act as the climax to the club season. Attention now turns to getting into the Great Britain team for the European Championships, hosted by Denmark in October.

# Lisa loses ground in race for fitness

## World Championship hopes look bleaker by the day as 1500m ace struggles to recover from thigh injury

By TOM HOWARD

LISA Dobriskey's World Athletics Championship hopes are hanging by a thread after she pulled out of the World Trials this weekend.

The Ashford athlete was struck down with a thigh injury in late May and has been involved in a race against time to recover to compete in the all-important trials in Birmingham.

After assessing her fitness, Dobriskey and coach George Gandy decided competing in the trials was too much of a risk and instead are left with one option – to compete in the London Grand Prix later this month.

The 25-year-old was targeting the World Championships having finished fourth in the 1500m final at the Beijing Olympics and admitted she would be devastated to miss the event.

### Chance

Gandy told Kent on Sunday: "We looked at it and thought it would be too risky to enter the World Trials and compete in three races with very little preparation.

"She is back racing but has only had around 25 minutes on the track. I would say she is about 90-95 per cent fit, which is good considering the timing of the injury."

Dobriskey has one final chance to be included in the Great Britain team for the championships by impressing at the London Grand Prix on July 24.

Her coach admitted it will still be a gamble and Dobriskey's fate would be in the hands of the Great Britain squad selectors.

Picture: ADY KERRY

THIGH TROUBLE: Lisa Dobriskey pulled out of the World Trials at the weekend, adding fuel to the doubts she will not recover in time for the World Athletics Championships

With only limited time on the track this season, she is yet to post a qualifying time this year.

Gandy said: "There are three places up for grabs and it is likely one maybe two will be undecided going into the event and the final team is to be named after it.

"If she can put in a solid time it could get her a place, but we are really at the mercy of the Great Britain team selectors. I am hoping they will see her talent. It is a gamble, but it is the only chance left."

Former Olympic champion Denise Lewis has urged Dobriskey not to risk further injury by rushing back to fitness.

She said: "Lisa's had a fantastic couple of years and has gone from strength to strength, so she doesn't have anything to prove. The Worlds are every two years and my message to her would be, get the injury right first."

Picture: ADY KERRY

BACK ON TRACK: Montell Douglas

## Montell aiming to bounce back at World Trials

MONTELL Douglas is hoping to bounce back from injury hell and salvage her season by qualifying for the World Athletics Championships.

The Blackheath and Bromley 100m sprinter has been plagued by injuries ever since her appearance at the Beijing Olympics last summer.

This weekend, she will be taking part in the World Trials in Birmingham in a bid to earn her place in the Great Britain squad for the World Championship, in Berlin next month.

The 23-year-old, who grew up in Chatham, was forced to abandon her indoor season due to the extent of her injuries, which ranged from a strained ankle to an injured hamstring.

Douglas admitted her year has been one of her worst and is hoping a strong performance in the trials will help rescue it.

She told Kent on Sunday: "To be honest it has been a bit of joke really, as I have picked up so many injuries. They say the year after an Olympic year is difficult and it really has been.

"I must have had around six injuries since the games. It is so frustrating because you have to back off training, but it is hard to completely back off. Every time I returned to training I picked up another injury.

"Fitness-wise I am in perfect shape and I am feeling confident going into the trials. To clinch a place in the World Championships would certainly make up for all the injuries."

## Bennett to stay on as ref despite cricket role

TOP referee Steve Bennett insists he will continue plying his trade in the Premier League despite taking up a new role with the England and Wales Cricket Board.

The 48-year-old, former Fifa referee from Orpington, has been a figurehead in football refereeing for 10 years.

He has decided to share his football officiating expertise by taking up a post with the ECB as director of Association of Cricket Officials (ACO).

The job will see Bennett, who used to play cricket for Kent at youth level, meet with the ECB four times a year to discuss the development of umpires in the game.

Bennett, who took charge of the 2007 FA Cup final, insists the role will not affect his football refereeing and is looking forward to his new role in cricket.

He told Kent on Sunday: "Nothing has really changed for me. I will still be officiating football in the Premier League and other levels next season despite some reports.

"Basically the ECB have asked me to sit on their officials committee to see if they can learn anything from the way we develop referees in football which can be used in cricket.

"In football there is a system which sees referees start out at grassroots level and can work their way to the top. This is something the ECB want to develop.

"I believe in the past the ECB have consulted with rugby officials so having different sports combine is nothing new really. I think both sports can learn from each other and it will be interesting to see what happens."

## Ferguson snaps up young Addicks ace

A KENT teenager had a dream become reality this week when he signed for Premier League champions Manchester United.

Sean McGinty, from Bearsted near Maidstone, caught the attention of Sir Alex Ferguson while on the books as a central defender at League One side Charlton Athletic.

At the age of 15, McGinty has already made several appearances for the Addicks under-18s and reserves last season.

The defender has been at the Valley for three years, during which time he made his international bow for the Republic of Ireland under-17s.

McGinty had been offered a full-time scholarship with Charlton this summer, but instead opted to move to Old Trafford last week.

Charlton Athletic chairman Richard Murray admitted he is sad to see McGinty leave the club.

He told the club website: "To have a club like Manchester United tracking our youth players shows the quality of our academy. But nothing would have made us happier than Sean coming through the ranks and representing our first-team."

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DREAM MOVE: Sean McGinty (right) signed for Manchester United

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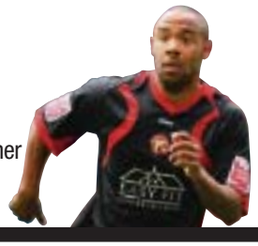

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# VAN DRIVE FOR A BETTER DEAL

**CONTRACT:** Martin van Jaarsveld is considering his Kent future
Picture: ADY KERRY

## Counties lining up in hunt for Kent batting ace's signature

**EXCLUSIVE**

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT run machine Martin van Jaarsveld is weighing up offers from other counties and expects to make a decision about his future in the next few weeks.

The South African has several offers from other counties for his signature, with Lancashire, Yorkshire and Surrey believed to be in the hunt to sign Kent's star batsman.

The 35-year-old is out of contract at the end of this summer and is contemplating a move away from the St Lawrence Ground, although Kent have also put an offer to the Kolpak player in a bid to keep him.

It's not the first time the former South Africa international batsman, who joined Kent in 2005, has been linked with a move away from Canterbury as Lancashire were reportedly interested in him last season.

Kent chief executive Paul Millman was forced to rebuff those reports declaring that van Jaarsveld would see out his contract.

### Offers

Now that his deal ends this summer, van Jaarsveld will be one of the sought-after players having consistently scored more than 1,000 runs in a season and won the PCA Player of the Year award in 2008.

The Kent vice-captain told Kent on Sunday that offers were on the table, including one from Kent, and hopes to make a decision soon.

"At this stage it comes down to family and I have got to make the right decision by them," he said. "There are a couple of offers on the table but I am just going to give myself a couple of weeks, or maybe a little bit longer, to make a decision.

"I don't want to comment too much on it but Kent have come to the party and put something on the table and it's now up to me to make the decision.

"It's not the sort of decision you can make straight away as there are lots of permutations that I have to consider but it should be in the next two or three weeks."

Losing van Jaarsveld would be a big blow for the club as the South African is without doubt one of the top batters in the county game.

Kent's director of cricket, Graham Ford, himself out of contract at the end of the season, admits keeping the talented batsman is of paramount importance.

He said: "He has been one of the top performers in county cricket for several years now and is extremely important to our side. His work ethic is fantastic, as is his knowledge of the game, there is just so much to him.

"Everyone is desperate to keep him at Kent and I'm fairly confident that he will stay."

The South African also revealed that several of Kent's other out of contract players, one of which is all-rounder Justin Kemp, are close to signing new deals to keep them at the club.

"I don't think it's much of a disruption as most of the first-team players that are close to the end of their contracts are fairly close to signing," he said.

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**LOOKING ELSEWHERE:** Mark Stimson

## Stimson gives up on striker

GILLINGHAM have switched their attention to a new striker after manager Mark Stimson admitted his move for Paul Benson was probably "dead".

Last week the Gills boss revealed to Kent on Sunday he had put in a bid for the Dagenham & Redbridge striker. However, the clubs are a long way apart in their valuations, with Gillingham not budging from their initial £25,000 bid.

Stimson said: "Unfortunately for the lad I think he's gone back in again through his advisers and had a chat with Dagenham and they've said 'it's that money or nothing'. At the moment that is a bit dead and we just have to move on.

"It's very frustrating for the kid because his adviser's telling me he would love to come and join Gillingham. He sees us as a club going forward but we can't do much more."

Instead, Gillingham have stepped up their interest in another forward and have made a formal approach to the player's club, which is in the Football League.

Stimson said: "We've always had another target in that area of the pitch. We are waiting for something to happen in the next couple of days.

"He's on a contract, we've put a bid in and we're just waiting to see if it will be accepted or not. Fingers crossed it will be because it would be a good one."

• ***For an interview with Chris Palmer, Gillingham's newest signing, turn to page 69.***